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CLINTON, Ill., Aug. 14.—The farmers of Central Illinois, following the example set by their brethern in other parts of the State, held their harvest home picnic to-day, in a beautiful grove within a short distance of the town, and were fortunate enough to hit upon a day of unequaled beauty. Notice of the picnic had been early given in this and surrounding counties, and the early trains brought delegations from Bloomington, including Gen. McNulta, from Decatur, and from Gilman. Later excursion trains came from Springfield, bringing ex-Gov. Palmer, Gov. Beveridge, and Mr. Harlow, Secretary of State, with other prominent citizens. The residents of Havana came in numbers, while Gen. Charles Black and others were present from Champaign. It was emphatically a gathering representing the farmers and professional men of Central Illinois. The plow-holders of DeWitt County began entering the city early in the forenoon, and long lines of their teams, filled with their families, crowded the roads leading to the picnic ground. They brought with them their wives and children, men and maid servants, and strangers within their gates. They were reinforced by residents of Clinton, who turned out in a body, with their lunch-baskets and best clothes, and filled the grove before the orators of the day had arrived and special ceremonies began. These people gathered in neighborly groups, ate their dinners, and either talked of local news or of the present condition of affairs as far as the welfare of farmers was concerned. Occasionally some earnest Granger said there must be a county farmers' ticket, or would get excited upon the railroad question and relate some special instance of extortion, or grieve over the back-pay swindle; but there were too many young women present for conversation to be turned long in that direction. There were several minor politicians present, either to enjoy an out-door dinner or to find a chance to get in a good word for themselves. It is difficult to accurately determine how many persons were present when the picnic was at its fullest, but, including all sexes and ages, from soldiers of the war of 1812 down to nursalings, there could not have been less than 2,500 people who sat beneath the trees and ate until little after 1, at which time the procession, headed by the Clinton band, and the speakers under charge of Clifton H. Moore, reached the grounds, and all who were able to do so seated themselves on benches in front of the speaker's stand. After prayer, Gov. Beveridge made the opening address, which is the first one of the kind he has yet delivered.

He said he was truly glad to accept their kind invitation. He did not come as a State officer, or as a representative of any class interest, or advocate of any measure; he came as a citizen of Illinois, to mingle with citizens of all classes, and express gratitude to the Lord of harvests for the abundant harvests, for rain and sun, babbling brooks and bubbling streams, for home, health, life, love, and happiness. The Lord was good to the people. Jehovah was mindful of the wants of the children of men. Thirty years before, when a mere by, he first came to Chicago, journeying from the banks of the Hudson river. Now they went by rail that same distance in less than thirty hours. Shawneetown and Galena were then two of the most important cities of Illinois. Chicago was a mere village, which had now attained imperial magnificence, with railroad connections, lake tunnels, grand hotels, and colleges, &c. The sat likes a queen on the lakes, the pride of the State and the glory of the nation. He proceeded to compare the early condition of Illinois with what it now was. It had lain for centuries waiting for a higher and better civilization, which at last had come. Emigrants had come from all quarters and tilled her fertile fields. They brought their wealth and will, and peopled the prairies, sowed and harvested, built manufactories, and, beyond all else offered for sacrifice 150,000 lives to the cause of the country in its hour of peril. Illinois to-day, with its means of communication, mines, educational and religious institutions, growing manufactures, and geographical position, was of and within itself an empire; the greatest State of the Union, looked especially for noble sensible women, to say nothing of their beauty This grand advance was due to many causes; much to the value of the soil, much to mechanical inventions, and very much to railways. What was the apology for wasteful expendium, unjust discriminations, extravagant tariff, or the imposition of heavy burdens upon the people? He stood up to defend and command railroad corporations when in the right, and was just as ready to stand up and condemn and resist them to the bitter end when wrong. He heldthem to be enemies in war—in peace friends. He would hold them strictly accountable, and make them supreme in the interests of the people, in whom they had their being. He would use them the instruments for the development of the country, and bring to the people wealth and power. He would not have petty sovereignties, but hold them amenable to public opinion and legislative entrol, and have their property taxed at fair ash valuations. They should not be allowed to injoy special privileges to the detriment of the republic. It might be said that roads were no needed.—that people had gotten along without them.—but the civilization railroads are Latter-Day Saints. They were wanted, they must be protected, and their owners must ge fair remuneration for their capital invested, but they must be run honestly and for the good of the public. Their charges must be reasonable, and discrimination ot unjust. It was useless to say people need not use roads if they did n want to. Roads could not exist without the ople who built, protected, and supported their Railroad owners should be satisfied with fair res, and by low charges should encourage freig and travel, and secure the good will of the ople. All people who were interested in railways were willing to pay a reasonable compensation. If both sides would meet in that frit of amity there would be an en of difficulties, and both, marching hat in hand, would go forward on the roado prosperity and glory. Some advised tearing tracks. He deprecated violence and could ncountenance it. If need be, he would use the hole power of the State to resist it. He commuded the people for prudence and patience, of lasting faith in their abiding good sense True reform came from discussion and inveration, not violence. The problem of transpeation would be finally solved. If it were fnd that railroad charters were contracts altered by the Constitution, the power t4 made the Constitution would unmake ! for it was a great principle that sacred corporations should be subject to ntrol. He saw this end, but not the time she end. It might be delayed, but it would me, and he warned monopolies that the Amean people would reign in their might. He saw the people triumphant and Illinois growing. In fifty years it would have 10,000,000 souls, and the Northwest would control the continent.

The next speaker was Gov. John M. Palmer, who made an able and telling speech, in which he half reprimanded the people for finding fault with the lack of honesty of their Congressmen and other officers. The people had elected them, and were responsible for them. Whenever they wanted men who were not salary-grabbers, they would elect them. A new era had come in the history of the Republic when all causes for party disputes had disappeared, and robbers were left free to attend to their duties, chief of which was the management of their own political affairs. He closed by showing that railroads, under their charters and the law as it now stands, are bound to perform all the duties of common carriers, and the claim that they can disregard them is an absurdity.

Gen. J. C. Black made an able speech, which closed the ceremonies.

The greater part of his argument was devoted to the railroad question, on which he took positive grounds, insisting that no State Legislature could delegate powers to creatures which it could not recall, and objecting to any interference by the Federal Government, since whenever power was exercised at a distance from the home of constituencies, it was always necessarily corruptly exercised. There were laws enough, and what was needed was the election of men pledged to the administration of the laws as the people made them. The concluding portion of his remarks was devoted to taxation, where he took ultra free-trade ground and in favor of direct taxation, since in that way alone would people know just how much was taken from them.

It had been announced that Senator Oglesby would be present and speak, but he did not make his appearance, nor did any one really seem to expect him. After the conclusion of the ceremonies the crowd dispersed, and all returned to their homes, by rail or in their teams, all apparently satisfied in every respect with the first harvest-home picnic in Central Illinois.

In the evening Gen. McNulta made a speech at DeWitt Hall, in which he took substantially the same ground on monopoly questions as he has occupied in preceding speeches. He is pledged to stop monopolies, but wants the Republican party to do the work.

Comments of the Iowa Press on the DesMoines Convention.

Special Dispatches to The Chicago Tribune.

THE KEOKUK GATE CITY.

KEOKUK, Ia., Aug. 14.—The *Gate City* comments as follows upon the Anti-Monopoly Convention at Des Moines, and the nomination of the Hon. J. G. Vale for the office of Governor:

Jacob G. Vale, nominated for Governor by the Convention at Des Moines, on Wednesday, is a farmer living near Bonaparte, in Van Buren County. He is well past middle-life, a Republican all his life. He ran for State Senator, however, on the Independent ticket in Van Buren County, four years ago, and was elected. He is an honest, honorable man, with neither more nor less intelligence than the average of his intelligent neighbors. There are farmers in every township in the State as well fitted for the Governorship as himself. The Convention was in a dilemma. It would not do to take any of the Democratic politicians, for the half-dozen notorious Anti-Republican leaders in the State are all very unpopular. The only two men of prominence enough to be taken, because they are Grangers, are National-Master Adams and State-Master Saunders. They are both straight Republicans, and neither would have the nomination. Mr. Vale was as prominent a man as was left to them among the Republican nameless party men. The nomination must be somewhat of a surprise to himself and very much of a surprise to his neighbors. Mr. Vale is a friend of ours and an excellent man, and about the only objection we have to his nomination is, that, if nominations for Governor are going to be around promiscuously this way, there will be ten candidates for Governor to each square mile in the State. Every fellow but the idiot will think himself fit to be Governor, and the idiots will think so too.

The *Gate City* also comments at some length upon the plank of the platform relating to the control of corporations. It says:

The States, not Congress, create the railroad corporations. Hence, says the valetudinarian platform, these corporations must be regulated and restricted, not by Congress, but by the respective States,—by the power that created them. But the Supreme Court of the United States says that the States have not power to do this; that inter-State transportation must be controlled and regulated by Congress. The valetudinarians take a stand against this. They virtually offer the people no relief whatever at all.

KEOKUK CONSTITUTION.

The *Constitution*, the organ of the anti-monopoly movement in Lee County, the editor of which, Thomas W. Claggett, was one of the candidates before the Convention for the office of Governor, in its issue of this evening, says:

The nominees for the different officers are all well-known citizens of the State, and their ability, intelligence, moral standing, and general fitness for the various offices for which they have been nominated are above cavil or dispute. Politically Mr. Vale is a Republican, but not an unreasonable partisan. He is an anti-monopolist from principle, and his record in the State Senate as a representative from Van Buren County upon all the railroad and other monopoly issues that were before the Legislature during his term, proves him to be an unflinching friend of the people, and a decided opponent of all monopoly encroachments upon the rights and privileges of farmers and all other working classes. The Convention could not have selected for the office of Governor of the State a man better qualified to fill the position with credit to the State than Jacob Vale.

After reviewing at considerable length the history of the nominees for the various other offices, it concludes as follows:

We reserve further comments upon the action of the Anti-Monopoly Convention and the candidates of the anti-monopoly party until we have had an opportunity to read the platform of principles adopted by the Convention, which has not yet come to hand. The candidates are all good men and well qualified to fill the respective offices for which they are nominated, and we have no doubt but that the platform will be approved by all the anti-monopolists in this State. If so we can see no good reason for holding a Democratic State Convention and nominating another State ticket.

COUNCIL BLUFFS NONPAREIL.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Aug. 14.—The *Nonpareil* newspaper, printed here, says of yesterday's Convention at DesMoines:

The so-called Anti-Monopoly State Convention, called by a little clique of screwheads in and about DesMoines, met yesterday and nominated a State ticket, and put forth a platform. In so far as the Convention assumed to be a movement of the farmers of the State, it was a misnomer and a cheat. The farmers were not there, nor had they any hand in getting it up. Those who managed it were seedy politicians, principally of the Democratic stripe. Only one-third of the counties in the State were represented, and even the one-third of the delegations were self-appointed. This being the extent and character of the Convention, its work is not of overshadowing significance and importance. The ticket nominated is composed of two Democrats and three lawyers. The candidates for Supreme Judge and Lieutenant-Governor are men of more than local reputation, but who and what the others are we shall probably never know, for the reason that there is no demand for such knowledge. The platform does little more than re-echo the principles enunciated by the Republican party. The Democrats will support this movement, because it is their bantling. What there is of it is composed of Democrats. The people, by keeping aloof from the Convention, have shown that they do not propose to trust the dearest expectations of their hearts upon a set of politicians who have never yet done any act that should entitle them to the confidence of their fellow-citizens. The people have great objects in view, and, in laboring to accomplish them, it speaks well for their discernment and business-like capacity that they refuse to go back upon the organization of a party through which everything desirable to be accomplished can and will be effected, as is plainly deducible from its past record—a record of promises fulfilled and pledges redeemed.

THE DUBUQUE PAPERS.

DUBUQUE, Aug. 14.—The proceedings of the Anti-Monopoly Convention, which met yesterday at Des Moines, excites but little interest. This county was not represented in it. The papers here speak of it with indifference. The *Herald* says only of the nominations: "These are all certainly able men, and would reflect honor on their positions if elected." It says nothing of the platform nor of the make-up of the Convention.

The *Times* says of the personnel of the Convention: "The list of names is conspicuously free from those of Republicans, and contains none of any prominence or influence, unless it may be that of the nominee for Governor." Of the nominations the *Times* says: "The ticket is respectable enough. The best part is perhaps no element of strength, and consist in perhaps no element of strength, and consideration that it is composed mainly of gentlemen long in office is a queer commentary against official stagers." The *Times* makes no comment on the platform.

The *Telegraph* says:

The Anti-Monopoly Convention was not such a body in numbers as we expected to see, but in the quality of its make-up it was equal to the average of State political conventions. Its declaration of principles is sound from our point of view, but its nominations for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor are weak, and not at all what would be expected from a body of men representing the opposition to the party in power, and one aiming to make an earnest contest for good principles and a better administration of Government in accordance with their professions.

After speaking of the nominations in detail, the *Telegraph* adds:

It was not necessary for the anti-monopolists to antagonize all the nominations of the Republican party. If any of the Republican nominees were free from the objections made by the anti-monopolists, the anti-monopolists should have acted more on principle than as a party in making their nominations. This evidently they did not do, and all they did do was to lay the foundation for others to build on, for their platform is far sounder than any that either party in this State has constructed up to this time.

It concludes:

If the nominations were as good as the platform is sound, a fight might be made for the ticket which would carry more power in the State than the monopoly party. As it is, we expect nothing else than to see the Republican nominees walk over the course without a contest.

DAVENPORT GAZETTE.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Aug. 14.—In referring to the anti-monopolist Convention at DesMoines yesterday, the *Gazette* of this place says:

About one-third of the counties were represented, more probably than the Radical party of this State was formed, and with more cause for a new party in Iowa. The resolutions are good, and embody the sentiments of the people, who are now ripe for a war upon corruption, misappropriation of funds, and the swindlings of rings. Our sympathies are with any move having the objects put forth in these resolutions. If there is a disposition on the part of our heretofore Republican partisans to make a direct war upon the evils of the day, independent of party, so as to make this move more powerful than a purely Democratic organization could be in this State, we are for it heart and soul. If not, we reserve our fire. We shall watch with interest the gathering strength of this move, and lend it all the aid in our power, until we become convinced that it is to miscarry, should such be the result, which we hope not.

CEDAR RAPIDS REPUBLICAN.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Aug. 14.—The *Republican*, commenting upon the Anti-Monopoly Convention of yesterday, says: The Convention lacked enthusiasm, and, on the whole, was a very tame affair; that it was manipulated mainly by Democrats, and that scarcely a Republican of any standing could be found participating in the proceedings. It also says that nine-tenths of the Liberals of last fall will act with the Republican party this fall.

BURLINGTON GAZETTE.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Aug. 14.—The *Gazette* dies and makes no sign. Not one word of comment on either numbers, resolutions, or candidates.

DAVENPORT DEMOCRAT.

The *Democrat* entitles the Convention a great fact, respectable in numbers, and happily free from base barnacles and suckers who usually attach themselves to party meetings. The statement that it is not in the hands of Democratic politicians is a Radical lie. It was a meeting, and an attempt to divide it against itself by a classification of former affinities signally failed. The declaration of principles, as laid down in a series of twelve brief resolutions, was admirable in the main, and evinced an honesty of purpose in the indorsers which was lamentably evident in the rigmarole of the Republican platform, of the past.

After a synopsis of the resolutions, it goes on to review the nominations, giving unqualified praise, and concludes by saying that there is every premonitory symptom of the movement welding all the opponents of the party of corruption, now in the ascendant, into one congruous and harmonious whole, which will secure the defeat of Cæsarism and corrupt radicalism in Iowa.

IOWA CITY DAILY PRESS.

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Aug. 14.—The *Daily Press*, of this city, organ of the Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, speaks of yesterday's Anti-Monopoly Convention as the most remarkable and singular gathering ever held in the State, and the platform as the only universally-declared one in favor of free trade that has yet been made; approves the personal records, and affirms the capabilities of the candidates. "There will be no Democratic Convention held in Iowa State, and if the energy of yesterday's proceedings is projected into the canvas it will defeat Carpenter and the Radical ticket."

DES MOINES STATE REGISTER.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 14.—Commenting on the Convention of yesterday, the *State Register* of this morning says: The so-styled Anti-Monopoly State Convention was both a failure and a success. It was nothing but failure in the farmers' point of view, in whose name it was called. It was a success to politicians, who originated it, controlled it, nominated it, carried it out. The manipulators of the Convention made sure of a scarcity of farmers by calling it in harvest time. A very few good farmers would have blocked their game. There were but few farmers present, and these few willing to accept of the cut-and-dried programme ticket and platform. The Convention was packed. The delegates were Democrats to a man, and bitterly anti-Republican. The Republican majority in Iowa this fall can now be safely estimated at 60,000.

DES MOINES LEADER.

The *Leader* says the Iowa freemen have cut loose, and in convention framed a platform which reflects the sentiments of Iowa taxpayers, and which will be supported by the people. The representation was good, much greater than was expected, and nearly every delegate a farmer. The work of the Convention was done by unschooled politicians, while cancus-men and schemers were given a back seat. They came here independent of parties, and free from party prejudice, for the purpose of organizing and projecting a new party, based upon the living issues of the day, which will restore the Government to the people, punish official thieves, frown down Credit Mobilier schemes and political ring-masters, which infest every department of our State and nation. It is pleased with the ticket and platform, and says victory is possible if the new party fights.

DES MOINES REPUBLICAN.

The *Republican* says the ticket placed in nomination does not fairly represent any party, or any considerable portion of the people of the State. The platform sets forth nothing new. While it does not oppose a tariff system, it cannot wholly give up free trade. The talk of an expression of wishes of the people by this Convention is a mere farce, as the farmers were helpless in the hands of the Democratic political stagers.

The *Homestead*, the Grange paper issued to-day, makes no mention of the Convention.

Champaign County Farmers' Nomination—Farmers' Transportation Project.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Aug. 14.—The farmers of this county assembled in convention to-day, and nominated a complete county ticket of their own, without reference to past political differences or the action or the wishes of either of the old political parties. Considering that this county cast over 2,000 for Grant last fall, it shows how completely the Republican party is demoralized hereabouts, where there is not the least prospect of making a party nomination. The ticket nominated is a strong one, and will be triumphantly elected. It is as follows: For County Judge, Joseph W. Sill; Treasurer, Thomas G. Lewis; Clerk, J. S. McCulloch; School Superintendent, J. L. Wilson.

The farmers of this county have already begun to put their transportation theories into practice. On Tuesday last they shipped from Tolono nineteen car loads of corn on their own account, on which they saved not less than $500; and they are going to continue this game until all their corn is shipped. They have already received a State license to operate in a corporate capacity, and are going to erect a warehouse and start a cornsheller of their own. This much is stated in order to encourage the farmers of other localities to pursue the same plan.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

URBANA, Aug. Ill., 14—The Champaign County Farmer's Convention met in Urbana, and made nominations for the county officers. A large number of farmers were in attendance, including 140 delegates from clubs and granges. The political barnacles and hangers-on were on hand with the usual amount of servility, but their weight in the Convention was light. The farmers evidently take the position that they are able to paddle their own canoe, and the way they made the fur fly from the political ring-leaders was amusing. Several of the present incumbents were candidates, but none of them were nominated.

McCulloch and Lewis are both crippled soldiers, and all of the nominees are capable men. Entire harmony prevailed, each nomination being made unanimous.

The Republicans will probably call a convention and ratify the nominations, as the nominees are all Republicans. The entire ticket will undoubtedly be elected.

The Wilmington Farmers' Club.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WILMINGTON, Ill., Aug. 14.—The Wilmington Farmers' Club met at our City Hall to-night, and adopted a preamble and resolutions of a most practical character. Railroad monopolies and other existing abuses detrimental to the interests of agriculture were denounced in the severest terms. Delegates to the County Convention on Saturday next were appointed, after which the Club adjourned until next Tuesday evening.

Prospects of the Farmers' County Tickets in This State.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BRAIDWOOD, Ill., Aug. 14.—It is considered beyond question that the Farmers' ticket in DeWitt County will be elected, and to the one in Macon County the Republicans will make no opposition whatever. In Iroquois, it is thought that there is a possibility of the success of the farmers, while statements in regard to McLean are so conflicting, it is plain that nothing is yet known about it.

CANADA.

The Proposed Royal Commission to Be Ignored by the Opposition.

Lord Dufferin's Reply to the Parliamentary Memorial Praying Against Prorogation.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 14.—It may be mentioned, as evincing the fear of the Government that the object for which Parliament was called together, viz: to receive the report of the Committee of Investigation was prevented by the appearance of the Usher of the Black Rod summoning the House before the Governor for the prorogation. The *Globe* very briefly states the question in this wise: "The Governor will permit the accused to appoint their own tribunal, to fix the rules by which they shall be tried, and the time which shall be consumed in the work, and after the conspirators are graciously pleased to allow the report to be made, the House will be called together to consider it."

As to the constitutionality of the course, the same paper remarks: "It is within his right also to send Parliament packing, no matter how important subjects are waiting their deliberation, if supplies have been voted for the year. It may be very indiscreet, very unwise, and morally wrong to do this, but it is not unconstitutional, and so long as the Governor-General keeps within the Constitution, the less he is consulted the better. The people have asked him to permit their representatives to act. He has refused

THE GRANGERS AND POLITICS.

Can the Former Ignore the Latter?

Some Facts and Figures in Regard to Railroads and the Tariff.

Necessity of Changes in the National Legislation.

CANTON, Ill., Aug. 9, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: While there is a strong effort on the part of some of the leaders of the various orders of Patrons of Husbandry, Granges, Farmers' Clubs, etc., to ignore the question of politics, it is evident, from the late movements in McLean, Bureau, and other counties of our State, that there is too much intelligence among the real farmers to be hoodwinked by any such tomfoolery.

The substantial cause of complaint as made by the farmers is, that railroad companies and other forms of organized capital can, under the operation of law, extort from, discriminate against, and generally oppress them as a class. How, then, can these extortions and oppressions be remedied or relieved except by a change in the law; and how can the law be changed without a change in our National and State legislation? and how can this change be brought about without discussing the principles involved, and voting for men who, when elected, will embody the principles necessary to correct these abuses, into, and give them the force of, law? If you, or "any other man," know how to bring this desired result about without entering into politics, I would like to know it; but I have too high an opinion of the intelligence of our farmers as a class to believe that they will make of themselves political eunuchs at the command or dictation of the "Head Centre" or Generalissimo of the Order.

To show that the causes of complaint and their remedy are to be found in National rather than State legislation is the object of this article; and that the necessary change can only be effected by farmers discussing politics, and voting for members of Congress who will bring about the required change.

Let us see how one form of law embodied in our highly protective tariff bears directly upon the question of freight charges on our railroads, by reason of the greatly increased cost of iron, steel, and copper, which enter so largely into the construction of railroads, locomotives, cars, &c. The duty under the present law is: on pig iron, $7 per ton; iron rails, $14 per ton; steel rails, $25 per ton; boiler and plate iron, $30 per ton; polished sheet iron, $60 per ton; pig and ingot copper, $100 per ton; locomotive fire-box sheets and manufactured copper, 45 per cent ad valorem; also on through; the whole list ranging from 35 to 60 per cent duty on the cost.

Now, what is the effect of these high duties upon the cost of the articles above mentioned? The present price of Scotch pig-iron in New York is $51 per ton. The average price of the same article in New York on the 3d of January, 1858, 56, and 57 was $25.16. Here is an advance of over 100 per cent. Lake Superior pig-iron is quoted in Chicago, Aug. 4, 1873, at $56 per ton. Price of bar iron in New York, July 17, 1873, $85 to $90 per ton; price of bar iron in New York, Jan. 10, 1860, $53 per ton; price of ingot copper, July 17, 1873, $570 per ton; price of ingot copper, July, 1860, $450 per ton; and so on through the list, ranging from 25 to 100 per cent advance on all these articles since the passage of our present tariff laws.

That this increased price of all these staple articles of railroad use materially increases the first cost of a railroad, none will deny; but few are aware how largely these enhanced prices add to the cost of repairs and running expenses, thereby adding largely to the freight-charges; how largely, we will now attempt to show.

In 1869, as reported by State railroad officials, we find the following results: 1,890 miles of railroad in Massachusetts returned $9,771,978 gross receipts; $6,561,276 expenses—making the expenses 58¼ per cent of gross proceeds.

1,179 miles of railroad in Tennessee, $3,438,579 gross receipts; $1,543,275 expenses—or 46 per cent.

1,438 miles of railroad in Virginia, including 287 miles of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, $2,818,248.38 gross receipts; $1,256,107.86 expenses—or 44 per cent.

New York Central and branches, 621 miles, $6,200,848, gross receipts; $3,349,429 expenses,—or 54 per cent. Thus we see that the ratio of expenses to gross income in 1869 was from 44 to 58¼ per cent; and it may be safely assumed that the average per cent of expenses to gross receipts, on all well-managed railroads did not exceed 50 per cent.

But how is it now? I will not go into detail, as every one conversant with the subject knows that the ratio of expenses to gross receipts is from 65 to 70 per cent; probably 66⅔ per cent would be about the average. Now, how does this increase of the working expenses of railroads from 50 to 66⅔ per cent of their gross earnings affect the producer in marketing his produce? Before answering this question, let me say that there is a force in mechanics called the compound lever, sometimes used in crushing processes, and I shall have to ask you to prove that this increased cost in the construction, equipment, and repairs of railroads, by reason of our high protective tariff laws, acts with the force of a compound lever in crushing out the values of farmers' produce.

I think all will admit that the late increased cost of iron must necessarily increase the first cost of railroads at least 25 per cent; and I have shown by actual statistics that the average ratio of expense to gross earnings has increased from 50 to 66⅔ per cent,—equal to an advance of 33⅓ per cent.

Now, bear in mind that any railroad company where the expenses are 50 per cent of the gross income, must earn and receive $2 before they can divide $1 to the stockholders, and when the expenses are 66⅔ per cent they must earn and receive $3 before they can in like manner divide $1 to the stockholders.

A railroad costing $40,000 per mile, working up to its fair average capacity, in transporting a given amount of freight, yielding a gross income of $4,800 per mile, after deducting 50 per cent ($2,400) for expenses, could divide 6 per cent on the cost ($2,400) to the stockholders. Now, increase the cost of building a railroad 25 per cent, and increase the ratio of expense from 50 to 66⅔ per cent and what must it charge on this given amount of freight to produce the same results to the stockholders? Let us see: 25 per cent addition will make the cost $50,000 per mile, and it must now yield a gross income of $6,000 per mile (instead of $4,800) in order to pay 6 per cent dividend ($3,000) to the stockholders, after deducting 66⅔ per cent ($6,000) of its gross income for repairs and expenses. Let us restate the case:

A $50,000 railroad, whose necessary expenses are 66⅔ per cent of the gross income, in order to pay 6 per cent dividend, must have an income per mile of $9,000.

A $40,000 railroad, with expenses of 50 per cent of gross income can pay 6 per cent dividend on an income per mile of $4,800.

Now, here is shown that, by an increase in the cost of building of only 25 per cent, and an increase in the cost of repairs of track, machinery, and other running expenses, of 33⅓ per cent, we have an actual increase in the cost of freight of nearly *one hundred per cent* in order to pay the same dividend, viz.: 6 per cent. Is this not something of the compound-lever principle; and how do you like the crushing process? And yet you must not allow politics into your Grange, or bring your powerful forces to bear in electing members of Congress. Paradoxical as the above statement may seem, yet any of our farmers' sons, with a fair knowledge of arithmetic, can take his slate and pencil and prove it correct.

I have thus only touched upon one form of national legislation that works so disastrously to the farmer's interest. I might refer to the failure to continue the former reciprocity treaty with Canada, whereby hundreds of thousands of dollars of American capital engaged in the lumbering business along the north shores of our great lakes was swept out of existence, and one to three dollars per thousand feet added to the price of all the lumber required in our State; but time and your space forbid. Let our Granges study the facts presented, and then determine whether they can afford to ignore political action.

FULTON.

UNIFORMS FOR NEWSBOYS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: A neat and attractive uniform would do as much to civilize the newsboys of our city as any other instrumentality short of a polite education. Clothed in a respectable garb, they would think more of themselves; their manners, if not conversation, would improve; and, in time, they would become more thrifty and provident. The union of paper-boy and bootblack in one individual renders him untidy and indifferent to his dress, language, or manners, and has a tendency to degrade him. There is no reason why a newsboy should not be as decent as other boys. Suppose the Newsboys' Home clothing firm in the city will, as a matter of benevolence, manufacture, at the nearest approach to cost, a neat and attractive uniform or outfit for newsboys?

M. C. S.

GERMANY.

A Defense of Its Government.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR:—The letter from Cologne, published in THE TRIBUNE a few days ago, is so obviously shallow a production, its statements of fact so scanty and ill-chosen, that it must be surprising to many readers that THE TRIBUNE should, without hesitation, make the views of the writer its own, as it has done in a leader of the same issue. As the editorial judgment of THE TRIBUNE will carry conviction in many cases where the opinions of its correspondent would only be considered as the dim impressions of a passing traveler, allow me to point out a few of the graver misconceptions of your article.

You say: "The conclusion which will force itself upon the intelligent reader is, that the German Government of to-day is one of the most absolute and despotic ever known to the world." An absolute and despotic government is one in which the laws are made and executed by a person, or a number of persons, who are not responsible to the people governed, and who shape their action to suit their personal wishes and interests. In Germany, no law has been made for twenty-five years which has not been approved by a Legislature elected by the people themselves; and elections in Germany are as free from fraud and executive interference as they are anywhere on the globe. True, there are many laws on the statute-books of Germany which, in Republican eyes, must appear illiberal and out of date; but, if any of them were very oppressive, public opinion would soon compel their repeal.

The political apathy of the Germans, of which you speak, and which must be conceded, arises, in no small degree, from the fact that government does not press hard on them. People who are oppressed very soon cease to be apathetic. This is clearly shown by the history of the Press law to which your correspondent alludes, but which he does not half tell. In spite of the popularity of Bismarck, who introduced it into the Reichstag, and in the face of his most powerful pleading, the law had to be withdrawn in deference to a general sentiment against it; and nothing could be more amusing than the alacrity with which its authorship was denied by every one connected with it.

Further on you say: "Government in Germany means that personal rights, personal opinion, personal religion, personal education, and every other individual thing, must submit to the will of the State." The rights of person and property are nowhere in the world safer from illegal interference by Government or private persons than they are in Germany to-day. A comparison in that respect between that country and ours would lead to very unpleasant results for us. I know of no place in Germany where the police have judicial authority; and, while abuse of power is certainly not unknown there, it is not near so frequent as it is in this country. As to personal opinions, education, or religion, the State does not trouble itself about them after a child has passed the public schools and has been confirmed if any one of the established creeds of the realm. The law compels you to educate your children, but it leaves the choice how and where to do it entirely optional. It provides the public schools, but nobody is obliged to send his children there, if he can only show they are educated in some other way. In the case of its own officials, the State makes an exception. Before an officer can be appointed, he has to show that he has gone through a certain course of study,—a provision which no government can be denied the right to make, and which imposes no hardship on anybody, except at his own choice, since nobody is compelled to seek office. The ministers of the several churches—who, being paid by the State, are, in a certain sense, State-officials, have, up to date, been allowed to make their studies under the guidance of their several organizations; but it is now proposed, and the laws to that end have just been passed, to subject them to the same rules to which other officials are subjected; that is, compel them to go through a regular university course before they can be appointed; and this, with the expulsion of the Jesuits, constitutes the prosecution of the Catholics so much spoken of. That the Protestants are affected in the same manner by the same legislation, is never mentioned. If Methodism were superintending the public schools of the land, and wanted to prescribe what should and what should not be taught there, wanted its clergy paid by the State, and, in return, taught them supreme allegiance to some foreign power; wanted to inflict temporal punishments on its members; wanted, in short, to do all the things which the Catholic Hierarchy are constantly doing and trying to do in Germany, I think Bismarck would turn his lance against it; but you hardly represent Methodism in this country quite correctly when you assign it a position similar to the one Catholicism occupies in Germany.

The military laws of the Empire are, no doubt, oppressive. They are the principal, and almost only, cause of the large emigration; they breed, if not all, many of the evils you attribute to them. But what would you do about them? Are they the result of, or in any way dependent upon, the form of government? I think not. If Mexico were a powerful State like France, with a standing army of 500,000 men; if Canada were like Russia, the West Indies a second Great Britain; if an Austria or Italy, all with large standing armies, were stretched along our frontiers, we would no more do without a large army ourselves than we would without fire departments, though they cost money, take many vigorous men from the plow, and all that.

In conclusion, allow me to call your attention to a most surprising coincidence. The charges you point out in the path of "despotic" Germany are wonderfully like those our own democratic Republic has undergone, and seems still beset with. Sectional animosity has already once came very near breaking us up altogether, and now jealousies among the several States are certainly not less likely to occur in our widespread country than they are in compact Germany. Abuse of power by a corrupt ruler and his Ministers even now threatens the very foundations of our Government; nor seems the ambition to extend its dominions, which you attribute to absolute governments, confined to them solely, when you consider the Mexican war, the St. Thomas and St. Domingo treaties, and the periodical agitation about Cuba.

REPUBLICAN.

EXECUTION OF WHITE MEN FOR MURDERING INDIANS.

WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 13, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The article in your paper of the 12th, entitled "Execution of White Men for Murdering Indians," alludes to the sentencing of James Pickett, in Idaho, to be hung for murdering an Indian, and the statement going the rounds that he is the first white man punished in that way for that offense, with the exception of Arthur Peach, who was executed in Massachusetts in 1636. There is another case, that presented some remarkable features, which, with the tragic circumstances attending it, make it worthy of reproduction.

Early in the spring of 1824, a hunting party, consisting of two men and three squaws, with two boys each about 10 years old, and two girls of more tender years,—all belonging to the Seneca tribe of Indians,—encamped on Fall Creek, a small stream in Madison County, Ind., about 8 miles northeast of Pendleton, then and now the county-seat of that county. One day, when all were seated around their camp-fire, they were approached by five white men, named Hudson, Harper, Sawyer, Bridge, Sr., and Bridge, Jr. Harper was the leader, and he stepped up to one of the Indians, and told him that his party had lost their horses, and wanted them (the Indians) to help find them, which they promptly agreed to do, and started immediately. The two adult Indians going out in different directions, Harper following one and Hudson the other. They had got but a short distance from the camp before Harper shot the one in front of him, and Hudson shot the one with him. The squaws and children were killed immediately by Sawyer and the two Bridges. The camp was then plundered, and Harper left for Ohio, and was never taken. The other four were arrested in a very short time, taken to Pendleton, and confined in jail until the regular time for holding court came around. Judge William W. Wick presided as Judge. Calvin Fletcher, afterwards for years a prominent banker at Indianapolis, was Prosecuting Attorney, and was assisted by Gen. James Noble (at that time a United States Senator), who was employed by the Government to prosecute the case. Indictments were found against each of the parties for murder in the first degree. Hudson was tried first, found guilty, and was hung a short time afterward; I have not got the precise date. The other cases were continued until the next regular term. At that term, Judge Eggleston presided. Sawyer was tried first on an indictment for manslaughter found against him for killing one of the squaws, on which he was found guilty, and sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary. He was immediately tried on an indictment for murder for killing one of the Indian boys in a terribly inhuman manner, in which he was found guilty, and sentenced to be hung. The two Bridges were tried next for murder, with the same result, except that the younger Bridge was recommended to the Governor to be pardoned, on account of his youth (he was only 18 years old) and the surrounding circumstances.—Sawyer being his uncle, and Bridge, Sr., his father. The day of execution was fixed. On that day thousands surrounded the gallows. "A Seneca Chief and his warriors were posted on the brow of a hill in full sight. Sawyer and Bridge, Sr., ascended the scaffold together, were executed in quick succession, and died without a struggle. The Senecas exclaimed, 'We are satisfied.' An hour expired. The bodies were taken down and laid in their coffins, when there was seen ascending the scaffold Bridge, Jr., the last of the convicts. His step was feeble, requiring the aid of the Sheriff. The rope was adjusted. He threw his eyes around upon the audience, and then down upon the coffins, where lay exposed the bodies of his father and uncle. From that moment his wild gaze showed that the scene had been too much for his mind. Reason had left her throne, and he stood wildly looking at the crowd, apparently unconscious of his position. The last minute had come, when James B. Ray, the Governor of the State, announced to the vast assemblage that the convict was pardoned. It saved the life, but not the reason, of Bridge, who died an idiot a short time after."

These, there is every reason to believe, are the first cases of white men being hung for the murder of Indians, with the exception of Peach. For a fuller and more detailed account of these trials and executions, the reader is referred to "Early Indiana Trials and Sketches," by O. H. Smith.

J. B. DODD.

THE MINISTERS' HALF-FARE.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: I hope the managers of our Western railroads will stand by their order about half-fare passes to ministers. Let them expire when their time comes, and treat us henceforth in this respect like "the world's people," for our own sakes, and for the sake of the work we have to do. It may result in a loss to the roads, as Mr. Roy suggests in his letter this morning, but it will be a gain to us, because it will help to lift us out of the mendicant orders of our Protestant Churches, who get things from 20 to 50 per cent cheaper than other folks, because they are the Lord's poor, and they generally pocket the difference. It was a gracious and good thing when the West was poor, and the preachers had to live on a very little, to let them ride for half-fare, sell them clothes and books at 20 per cent off, and trundle round to the parsonage now and then a barrel of flour or potatoes; and I can find places where such things would be a godsend to me, though I need not one of them, on the Northwest another. The people are now rich enough to pay us all we are worth, and enable us to pay our way 100 cents on the dollar, like—sinners.

This question also takes another shape of interest to the men of our cloth. The Western farmer is forming a distaste for preachers and times that are on him. He thinks the great first cause for them is in the railroads. I think the great first cause is in the high tariff; and the true remedy, Free-Trade. The railroads are a minor matter; still, this is the thing the farmer has struck first. He wants fair play in getting his produce to such markets as he can find, and lower rates, if he can get them. Well, to meet the crisis that has come, the railroad managers say they must observe the most rigid care, cut off all dead-heads and half-fares. To this, the farmer has, of course, no objection, as he always paid his way like a man (if he could not get a pass), and has a good deal to say, no doubt, but we say to Mr. Harris or Mr. Sargent, that all right that you should make this order about half-fares for the rest of mankind, but we are "working for the Lord." We have to attend conferences. Make those pay who merely attend county fairs, but give us a half-fare pass.

If the farmer has but the chance to give him credit for, I think he would hiss the brother down just now who stood up to talk to him about the cause, with a half-fare pass in his pocket. He would not care whether it was a loss or gain to the roads; the principle would be the same, as it ought to be. I, for one, hail the order as a good omen. I wish all the stores would follow the railroads, and charge ministers just what they charge other men. For, when they white-per 20 per cent off to you, you know I feel sure of one of these things: That other men, as good as I am, have to pay the difference; or the merchant has to set it down to profit and loss; or all but ministers are charged more than a paying profit. We ought to stand on a square dealing platform, like other men, and, if a thing is worth a dollar, give a dollar for it. We are quite as well-to-do now as any other class, according to our talent; and we shall do our work to the best purpose when we dare say so. Respectfully,

ROBERT COLLYER.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14, 1873.

THE GRANT GENEALOGY.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Aug. 13, 1873.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Your correspondent "Gath," writing of Gen. Grant, some time back, gave him a Scottish origin. How he makes it out, I do not know. The only evidence I have seen would go to prove him of English origin. Matthew Graunt, the ancestor, was a member of the Rev. John Wareham's church, in Plymouth, England, whence he came, with Wareham and others, in 1630, and landed, from the ship John and Mary, on Nantucket Beach, in Massachusetts Bay. The church settled Dorchester, Mass., where they remained five years. In 1635, Wareham and most of his flock, Matthew Graunt among them, removed to Windsor, Conn. I have never seen any evidence to show any Scottish immigration to America at so early a period as Matthew Graunt came. Besides, the Congregationalist form of church-organization is believed to have commenced at about the time that Wareham and company came over to this country, and to have been purely of English origin. It may be that Graunt was a Scotch sheep in that flock of Wareham's; but the chances are greatly against such a supposition, and there is not any proof to sustain the supposition.

The Windsor Church, founded by Wareham in Plymouth, England, and of which Matthew Graunt was one of the original members, is the most ancient Congregationalist Church in America, and older than any in England, excepting one.

Who and what Matthew Graunt was, in his day and generation, may be learned of almost any native-born citizen of Windsor, Conn. He still lives in the history and tradition of that ancient town. He was for nearly forty years its Town Clerk; and the old records of that period, both of town affairs and of the church history of his town, are in Matthew Graunt's handwriting.

Matthew Graunt's family record, in his handwriting, is still extant. From it we learn that he was born Oct. 27, 1601, and was married to Priscilla, his wife, Nov. 16, 1625.

All these writings of his prove conclusively that he was an Englishman. The composition and penmanship are English. Even "Gath" would have to give up his Scotch theory on looking at the records of Windsor.

I will end this by saying that this famous old Matthew Graunt departed this life, as the Windsor record tells us, Dec. 16, 1681. Let me add, I am rather proud of this: that our President is a descendant of one of those old New England Puritans, and also of good old English stock.

J. W.

SIDEWALK-OBSTRUCTIONS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Some people suppose that they have the exclusive right to that portion of the sidewalks which bounds their establishment upon the front, and do not consider that they encroach upon the rights of citizens and disregard all law when they throw their ice-skids across the sidewalk at an elevation too high to leap over and not high enough to crawl under, and keep said ice-skids in that position for hours at a time, and several days during the week, thereby compelling pedestrians, and especially ladies, either to cross the street or go back to the crossing. Now, all this is a daily occurrence upon Twelfth street. We do not say that it is unnecessary to unload this ice over the sidewalk; but we do say that it is an absolute imposition to keep an obstruction there an hour after one team has unloaded, waiting for another. This unloading over the sidewalk has been disapproved of upon several occasions; but we simply ask to make the sidewalk clear as soon as possible.

H. C. D.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12, 1873.

THE KENDALL COUNTY FARMERS.

A Discussion on the Question of the Expediency of Forming a Distinctive Farmers' Political Organization.

From the Yorkville (Ill.) News, Aug. 12.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the County Association of the farmers was held in the Circuit room of the Court-House last Saturday. It was the midst of the harvest season; nevertheless six of the nine townships sent their delegates.

The President extended an invitation to any gentlemen present to talk upon the political question.

Mr. C. C. Hutchinson desired to hear a full expression of opinion concerning a separate farmers' party, and moved that all gentlemen present be entitled to participate in debate. Seconded by Prof. Burns and accepted.

Hon. John West Mason was called, and took the stand. A Kansas paper had sneered at the farmers' movement. He did not propose to do anything previous to finding out what we were aiming at. We must first organize. Nothing can be done without it. We cannot do business in mass meeting; it must be done in a representative manner. Thought about one to a county would be sufficient representation in a State Convention, with an additional one from every thousand members. Thought town conventions were primary, not secondary, and that the real power of the movement lies in these conventions. Was satisfied with our county organization and would have it strengthened. Thought it time to assert our freedom, and show railroads that the people are their own masters. Thought the safe place for the farmers' money was in the farmers' pockets, and he did not propose to furnish funds for political buzzards. Thought the proposition to admit women into the granges would not be productive of secrecy. Did not favor the proposition to turn the farmers' organization into a political party. Hated corruption, and would never vote for a known corruptionist. [Applause.] Declared that corruption had become so rife that one could buy out any and all Legislatures. Believed as much in a tailors' party, or a hog-buyers' party as in a farmers' party. Believed that as a farmers' organization we can get any measure adopted that we propose, but to turn it into a political party would get us at war with those who are now our friends, and to the ruin of our complete overthrow. [Applause.]

Mr. Hutchinson again desired to hear an expression as to the political status of the club.

Dr. Hopkins, as one of the producers of the county, and a member of this organization, declared that the President held his official position through the county organization, and that organization had for its object the putting down of railroad and other monopolies, condemned the taking of the means furnished by members of town organizations, and excluding them from participation in its proceedings. Wanted to know if the members of this Convention was fearful that political parties would find out that the farmers desired to cut loose from the stakes they had first strode in. Wanted action upon this matter. Condemned the silence of those who dared not speak against protection. Favored free trade, and wanted all protective laws abolished. Thought the farmers' organization a shabby affair as long as it dared make no expression against the high-handed outrages of present political parties. Would give all monopolists to understand that they can no longer oppress the people. Believed in talent, but not the kind required to make a master-rascal, and would encourage none such. Let the railroads keep their passes and all like favors, but they must not seek to control the people. Believed that there would be, in this country at least, an indorsement of the farmers' movement at the polls.

Mr. Hutchinson offered the following resolutions, and asked Esq. Litsey, who had the floor, to speak to it:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at the present time, to form a distinctive farmers' political organization.

Esq. Litsey said he had a deep interest in the farmers' movement, and was willing to spend time and money in supporting it. Believed that the benefits would extend to merchants, mechanics, and laborers, as well as farmers. Was an early settler, and remembered how the Illinois & Michigan Canal had helped develop the country long before the days of railroads. Detailed the means by which the people were first induced to give land-grants to railroads. Said that when a road was built it became a monopoly, and the farmers were then induced to help build another as a competing line, which, when finished, was bought up by the old company, and the monopoly was perpetuated. Believed that the masses would bear so much oppression, and no more, and that the time would come when they would rise in their wrath and teach monopolies a lesson. They have rights which could not be taken from them. The people will have their just dues. Did not believe the time had yet come for a new party organization. We must correct the abuses of the present. Men, who will leave all the nomination and voting to politicians and then scarce must not complain if they get bad men. If the old parties do not give us good men, we will call a new convention and elect our own men. [Applause.] Each party should put the best men in nomination and elect them. A new party would be open to much abuse of privileges as the old ones. Would say that no man known to use intoxicating drinks, should receive a vote. [Applause.] All we need is harmony in the ranks, and should the time come for a new party, it can be formed.

Mr. West Matlock desired a few moments to express his views upon this subject. Said on a former occasion that in order to break up monopolies we voted independently of old parties. [Applause.] Let the farmers combine as a mass and vote, and they can carry their measures. The people are the King, and they can and will so arrange matters that farmers can obtain redress. [Applause.] The time was when he could take his corn to Bristol and realize a profit therefrom, but railroads had made it impossible to do so at present. Farmers had helped build these roads, expecting to realize benefit from them, but found themselves mistaken. There must be a party formed which shall expound the distinctive idea of the people's movement, and, unless this is done, all effort is useless.

Dr. Harris, like J. W. Mason, believed that there was a great principle at stake. Farmers had paid $40 per acre for their land, and were taxed accordingly; but railroads had been paying not only about one-fifteenth of the value of their roads. Believed a separate party was an absolute necessity. The people have conferred many rights and privilege under the belief that they were a public benefit, and if they were not such it was not only the but our right to take the management of them into our own hands.

Prof. Burns thought that those present had not quite understood the remarks of the Hon. J. W. Mason. He understood Mr. Mason's views to be that farmers should not organize themselves as a new arty, but vote for good men through their old political organizations. The Professor did not wish to give expression to his own opinion, but thought it did not matter much in what manner the good work is done, so long as it is done. Though it must be made a matter and that we have gone too far to do otherwise. The ballot is the only redresser of our wrongs.

Esq. Hopkins thought the speakers were all out of order.

Dr. Hopkins thought it desire of the meeting was to hear from all present upon any subject of interest, and hence his remarks.

Mr. Hutchinson did not want the people to think this exclusively farmers' movement, but would have it called a producers' movement. Wanted to see the merchants, mechanics, and laborers join hands with the farmers. Believed the old parties furnished the best medium for reform. We should attend the primary and club meeting, and see that party matters are managed on the square.

E. L. Dibell believed the best way to reform old parties was to ke the pure matter out and leave the rotten latter to rot. Could see no real issue between the Republican and Democratic parties, and did not divide the farmers between these two organizations.

B. F. Shontz sent by the platform of the McLean County Repubeans, and asked that it be read. Some one call for the reading of the McLean County *farmer* platform, remarking that this was not a Republican meeting, but neither were read.

After numerous suggestis from all parts of the house concerning the wding of the resolution, and amid some confusion, Dr. Hopkins moved to amend the resolution so that it would read, "Resolved, that it is pedient, etc., etc." The yeas and nays were cast on the amendment, and it was adopted by vote of 17 to 23.

A vote was then taken the resolution as originally offered, and was cried, amidst much confusion and vain efforts to have it so modified so as to read "people's" "producers'" instead of farmers' party.

West Matlock moved a reconsideration of the vote adopting the resolution but he was declared out of order on the ground that he voted in the negative, which was a mistake; but the motion was renew by Esq. Atkins, who also moved that the vote to reconsider be laid upon the table. Very few members understood the force of the latter m of the proposition, and as a clear majority favored amending the resolution so as to make it include all classes, and thus have a vote on the real merits of the new party movement, the vote in the affirmative, and it was not until L. G. Bennett moved to empower the Chair to call a special meeting to consider the matter anew, that certain friends of independent action discovered that a simple bit of juggling had taken the matter out of their hands. The Chair, in accordance with parliamentary usages, decided Maj. Bennett's motion out of order, and said the question could not again be brought forward. This announcement surprised almost every one, and pleased one element in the Convention as much as it displeased another.

W. S. Fuzen, President of the Little Rock Club, said that the matter was not yet disposed of. He would nail the flag to the mast-head and fight the battle to the end.

L. W. Thurber said if we can't do any better than this we had better dissolve the association and go home.

Several parties were on the floor at one time, and tried to putain and to the confusion.

L. W. Thurber moved to adjourn, and the motion prevailed.

PAPAL ALLOCUTION.

First Public Utterance of the Pope Since His Illness — Prayer the Church's Only Weapon—Meeting of the Cardinals — Appointment of Twenty-two New Bishops.

Rome (July 25) Correspondence of the New York World.

The long-expected meeting of the Cardinals has taken place; the Pope has appointed twenty-two new Bishops, and he has delivered the allocution which has been looked forward to with so much anxiety and interest. The new Bishops are for sees in France, Italy, Hungary, Ireland, Australia, the Antilles, the Argentine Republic, and "infidel countries." Of the twenty-two Bishops thus appointed, only three are at present in Rome.

I subjoin a full translation of the text of the allocution. You will see that the law recently passed by the Italian Government against the religious houses is denounced in very energetic terms. Yesterday, in the Corso, was exposed a painting representing Victor Emmanuel holding the Pope by the arms, and pressing one finger upon his lips to impose silence upon his Holiness. But the Pope has spoken, and here are his words:

Allocution of our Very Holy Father the Pope Pius IX., pronounced at the Vatican before the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, July 25, 1873.

VENERABLE BRETHREN: That which we announced to you in the allocution given before you, venerable brethren, towards the end of the preceding year—that we perhaps should still have to speak of persecutions each day more violent against the holy Church—has now become our duty, as to-day is consummated the work of iniquity which we then denounced; for it seems to us that there resounds in our ears a voice commanding us to cry out.

When he had learned that to the legislative body had been proposed the law which, in this illustrious city as well as in the rest of Italy, was to effect the suppression of religious congregations and the public sale of ecclesiastical effects immediately, in execration of this impious act we condemned the text of this law, such as it was; we declared null all acquisitions of property taken from the Church, and we reminded the authors as well as the abettors of such laws that they incurred ipso facto the gravest censures. But to-day, this law, condemned not only by the Church—as opposed to her right and to divine right, but also reproved publicly by legal science as a contradiction of all natural and human right, and by consequence null by its nature and of no effect, has nevertheless received the approbation of the Legislature, and has been sanctioned by the Senate and the Royal assent.

Thus, then, venerable brethren, however innumerable and terrible may be the tempests of persecution and tribulation which rage around us, we will not lose courage, but will confide in Him who will not permit those who trust in Him to be confounded. For this is the promise of God and it shall not pass away. "Because he has hoped in me," he tells us, "I will deliver him."

Co-operation of Farmers.

From the Defenders (Ill.) Standard.

We would urge every farmer in this county to read the following extracts from a letter received from S. M. Smith, Esq., Secretary Illinois State Farmers' Association:

"KEWANEE, Ill.

"*G. R. Wells, Secretary Boone Co. Farmers' Club.*

"DEAR SIR: Your favor duly received. If you cannot buy without the 'go-betweens' at 30 per cent, I would repair old machines, borrow and lend, until their prices conform to the prices of farm products. The —— reaper costs him $180. Think of our selling corn at 20 cents to pay him $180. Better let our lands lie idle and recuperate. We must get rid of the hords of middle-men, who are eating out our substance and giving us nothing in return. We must also bring the railroads to terms. In fact we must rid ourselves of another class, who only use the power we have given them, to rob and oppress us. I refer to the professional politician, who drafts in our votes and enrich themselves at our expense, while they have no sympathy with us. I am not particularly anxious to form a farmers' party, but we are already, in spite of ourselves, a political power. The question is whether we shall wield that power for the public good, or suffer ourselves to be handled by others for our oppression. Our duty in the premises, to me, is very plain and imperative; for, if we would have laws granting justice to agriculture, we must have law-makers nominated and elected by agricultural votes. To say that agriculture shall take no leading part in politics, is to say that we shall surrender all rights and franchises, and that farmers are content to be slaves and beasts of burden. For it is corruption in politics that gives birth to all the evils of which we complain. Politicians will refuse to correct abuses until made to feel the heavy hand of industry at the polls. The power to reform our political system is in our hands. Let us rise in our manhood and fix the price upon our own labor, as other industries do. We are simply serfs until we do this. Yours truly,

"S. M. SMITH.

THE CANTON OF CARTAGENA.

How It Sent Its Fleet to Sea and What Happened to It.

Madrid (July 30) Correspondence of the New York Herald.

All eyes are for the moment turned on the place which first began the "independent canton" freak, viz.: Cartagena; as the Captain of the great Prussian iron-clad frigate Friedrich Karl has shocked the patriotic sentiments of the Intransigente rebels and delighted the friends of order by seizing one of the insurgent vessels just outside the port, and carrying her into Algiers. Before saying more of this let me relate the visit of Vitoria to Alicante, and the "pronunciamiento" of that city.

On Saturday, 19th, the Vitoria made preparations to start on an expeditionary voyage. On that afternoon the Deputies Galvez Arce and Carceles came on board, and the latter made a speech to the crew recommending order and discipline, telling them these were all the more necessary as the frigate was not commanded by the officers of the navy, but by ex-Col. Perusa, of the army.

At 5 on Sunday morning the anchor was lifted, and, all being ready, the frigate fired a parting gun, which was answered by all the forts, amidst the vivas of the multitude who lined the heights, while the various bands played the "Marseillaise." At 1 o'clock she passed the little sea-side village of Torrevieja, whence the word was speedily sent on to Alicante, and a sort of panic began to be felt there, increased by the appearance of the immense vessel herself off the port an hour or so later. In the meantime the Civil Governor, Senor Morlius, summoned to his office all the civil and military authorities and asked their views. All recognized the authority of the Madrid Government, but the volunteer chiefs said that though they were on the side of the Government they would not fire on Republicans, even if Intransigentes. The Military Governor, too, said he would not like to attack the people of Alicante, and that he thought he and his forces had better evacuate the place and retire to some other pueblo, in or out of the province, whence he could confer with the Ministers. The Civil-Governor agreed in this, and an hour later the evacuation took place. At 5, the Vitoria entered the bay. Shortly afterwards, Galvez Arce landed, and, followed by a large crowd of people, proceeded to the Civil-Governor's office, where he found the President of the Diputacion Provincial, the Alcalde, the Commandante and officers of the volunteers, and many other persons. He told them that "he was with the Government so long as the Government was with him," and that "he had come to protect the movement in Alicante." He ended by telling them he required the small "contribution" of $10,000. As in the meantime all the wealthy classes had departed from the city, the money could not be raised, and the populace looked coldly on the "canon" foundering. By this aid, however, of Galvez Arce a revolutionary junta was formed. The Vitoria remained all Monday in the port, and it is said a large portion of her crew deserted her there. On Tuesday she started. No sooner had she gone than the populace reversed the canton declaration and "pronounced" in favor of the Government. The revolutionary junta were kicked out, and the old authorities invited to return, which they did amidst great rejoicings. I forgot to say the Vitoria did not collect the $10,000. On leaving the port she hoisted the Spanish flag at the fore, the red flag at the main, the tricolor on the mizzen. With this very nondescript bunting she steamed away. Thus as she had made no effective fight with the insurgent vessels just outside the port, and carrying her into Algiers. Before saying more of this let me relate the visit of Vitoria to Alicante, and the "pronunciamiento" of that city.

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THE COURTS.

Interesting Developments in the Elevator Pooling Case.

The Combination Intended to Stifle Competition.

Something More About the Great Western Telegraph.

Divorce Cases---In Bankruptcy---The Courts in Brief---New Suits.

Yesterday afternoon the elevator fight in chancery came on before Judge Gary in the Superior Court. R. M. & O. S. Hough filed a cross bill against the complainants in the original bill, charging misconduct on the part of Wheeler, Nelson, and others, the complainants in the original bill, as the reason why they had not consummated the agreement for partnership, asking the Court to stop Wheeler, Nelson, and others using their name in the firm name of Vincent, Hough & Co., and that the Court relieve them from any obligation that may be claimed to exist on them to enter said partnership on the further ground of distrust and incompatibility; and further, that in the event of the Court taking the view that the partnership is in existence, that the business may be carried on under the order of the Court, and not under the present manager.

They also filed an answer, denying that any partnership exisated between them and the complainants, and admitting that there was an agreement for partnership entered into substantially as stated in complainants' bill; but denying that the fact of such agreement as yet constituted a partnership; and insisting that it was nothing more than an agreement that hereafter might amount to a partnership; denying also that the effect of the second agreement (14th of June) was to preclude them from using their own property up to the time that it was repaired and ready for use. The answer concludes with alleging matters of misconduct and incompatibility that ought to relieve the defendants from liability to an injunction.

The Houghs also filed an affidavit affirming that the statement in the complainants' bill that they had agreed to receive $3,500 to relinquish their right to using the elevator during the time occupied in repairing it, is untrue; that the use of the elevator does not interfere with the repairs; that the complainants' allegation that the elevator is unsafe is untrue; that there is a sufficiency of bumpers; that besides the inconvenience to the public that would be suffered through an injunction, they would themselves suffer heavy losses; and that these proceedings are prosecuted only for the purpose of oppressing and annoying the defendants; further say that the contemplated manager of the attempted partnership, Murry Nelson, and his firm, control the National Elevator; and that they are informed and believe that some days since, on an application made at said elevator to deliver out of the same, on board, a cargo of No. 2 or high mixed corn, to the number of 18,000 bushels, and making delivery in the premises, in such delivery intermixed therewith about 250 bushels of hot and second corn; that the balance of said cargo was to be made up at another elevator, that of Armour, Dole & Co., of the same grade of No. 2 corn; and that on the parties shipping from said last named elevator discovering the admixture of hot or unsound corn in the mass, they refused to make up the balance of cargo, which matter is now at issue between the parties; and these defendants doubt the propriety of entrusting their elevator property to such management, and submit for the consideration of the Court the following as the agreement for the payment of $3,500:

CHICAGO, June 14, 1873.

We, the owners of the National Elevator and Union Elevator, agree to pay to R. M. & O. S. Hough, or the sum of $3,500 upon the delivery to Vincent, Hough & Co. of the Chicago and St. Louis Elevator, in complete working order, and in condition to receive, store, and deliver grain. (Signed) ARMOUR & DOLE,
VINCENT, NELSON & Co.

And affirm that this was the only agreement respecting the compensation they were alleged to have agreed to receive for the express purpose of relinquishing their share in the profits during the time the repairs were in progress; and they insist that the agreement was only made as an inducement to them to enter the copartnership scheme, and that it had no reference whatever to any relinquishment of profits.

On the other side, Hiram Wheeler and Murry Nelson make oath and say that the contract of the 14th June promising to pay the Houghs $3,500 was written by deponent, Wheeler, and that the cause that led to its being drawn up was substantially as follows:

Defendants claimed that they ought to have the profits from the time of entering into an agreement for partnership constituting the new firm of Vincent, Hough & Co., stating that they could go on and receive grain during the repairs, and that the repairs could be completed in thirty days.

Complainants were unwilling that defendants should share in profits until the completion of the warehouse, because defendants could not receive grain while repairing, and do justice to their building, and, as a compromise, defendants affirm it was finally agreed that the sum of $3,500 should be paid in lieu of the profits. Further, that the statements to the contrary by defendants are untrue, and that since the 1st inst. R. M. & O. S. Hough, at the office of Armour, Dole & Co., in the presence of George Armour, admitted the foregoing version of the consideration for said contract.

In this shape the matter was argued.

The Court said that he could not see how the complainants could be injured by the facts that defendants were doing business unless it might be that they were obliged to do a smaller amount of business themselves, but this was not averred in the bill, nor if it was would it be sufficient to support an injunction. He held that the partnership contract was still executory, and that the partnership did not commence as to the Houghs until their elevator was completed. He also remarked that the contract itself had the appearance of being intended to stifle competition. The Court further said that there might have been an intention by the complainants that the contract should be what they claimed, but they had failed to insert any provision in the contract to that effect, and he could not now put it in.

The injunction was therefore refused.

The answer to the cross bill, and argument on the cross bill, Hough v. Wheeler, Nelson et al., are next in order.

THE GREAT WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The Court yesterday formally overruled the motion for warrant of seizure of the property of the Great Western Telegraph Company, in bankruptcy, allowing a stay of proceedings until further order, the bankrupt to enter into bond in $100,000, to the Clerk of the Court, for the use of the assignee or Provisional Assignee to be appointed, to turn over to him all property belonging to the Company, and to furnish an account of all moneys received and disbursed since the 10th of February last, with a return of the names and salaries of all employes, and the bankrupt to pay no salaries hereafter to any officer or employe without an order of the Court, during the pendency of these proceedings, the Company to have, in the meantime, the control of their fines and offices, and to keep them in good condition, and, in like good condition, surrender them to the order of Court.

THE HAYES HABEAS CORPUS CASE.

The habeas corpus case of David Hayes, who applied to be released from the County Jail, where he was confined on an attachment in a suit commenced against him by Adam Kolb, his petition being based on the ground that the arrest took place one day later than his adjudication as a bankrupt, was yesterday argued in the United States District Court, bankruptcy side, before His Honor Judge Blodgett, who ordered the petitioner discharged from arrest during the pendency of proceedings in bankruptcy, the complainant to have his remedy against him in the event of the bankrupt not being discharged.

The proceedings on the part of Kolb will now play an important part in bankruptcy in preventing Hayes procuring an order for discharge.

DIVORCE CASES.

Ida F. Fletcher brings suit against her husband, Frank S. Fletcher, for divorce, alleging that during her absence in Europe he made repeated proposals of an improper character to her sister, offering her $500 if she would yield to his vicious overtures; also that he has been guilty of repeated acts of adultery with women of evil repute in Chicago and Memphis, Tenn.

Sarah Perry yesterday petitioned for divorce, alimony, and injunction against her husband, Walter, in the Superior Court, alleging that he is a drunkard, and guilty of repeated cruelty, and that he tried to throw her out of the second-story window of their house, No. 640 Archer avenue. This house belongs to defendant, is valued, with lot, at $6,000, and brings in a clear rental of $27 per month. Defendant is also employed during summer as mate of a vessel on the lakes, at $60 per month.

A great deal of minor divorce business was transacted.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Upon petition of Bradford Hancock, Assignee of the estate of Robert Wolff and Charles Goldstein, he was yesterday allowed to sell at private sale the bankrupt's stock of wines and liquors, valued at $1,743.39, for 60 cents on the dollar.

On the petition of Bailey & Neff, attorneys, in the matter of Henry Seivers, the Assignee was directed to pay them $100 for fees and legal services.

Certain of the furniture and personal property of Peter B. Wright, bankrupt, was seized under an execution within twenty days before proceedings in bankruptcy were commenced, but only a portion was surrendered to the Deputy-Marshal by the Constable, who was about to sell the balance by auction sale, at Osgood & Williams' rooms, yesterday morning, when the Court, on petition of the Assignee, granted an injunction restraining the sale of said goods, which now await the further order of the Court.

Staples, Fanning & Co. were yesterday adjudicated bankrupt by default, warrant returnable Sept. 15, and George W. Campbell was appointed Provisional Assignee, with power to take possession of the property.

Robert E. Jenkins was, yesterday, appointed Provisional Assignee of the estate of John S. Garland et al., with authority to take possession of the assets.

An order allowing attorney's fees, $120, was yesterday made in the matter of Henry Flagg, Jr.

Proceedings were dismissed in the matter of William T. McCorkle, unless objections are filed in ten days.

William Berryman was yesterday adjudicated by default, warrant returned Sept. 15.

The Assignee of James M'Conlee & Co. was yesterday authorized to sell the interest of James M'Conlee in the stock, merchandise, books, and warrants of the firm.

THE COURTS IN BRIEF.

Silverthorn & Plummer yesterday filed confession of judgment by W. R. Hawkins, Frank P. Hawkins, Nehemiah Hawkins, and D. C. Cushman, on a note of $3953.94, less paid on account, $150; total, with interest, $849.41.

P. Stevens yesterday entered confession of judgment for $515.92 against P. Schulliien and Erin Nilson, in the Superior Court.

Peter Kauf yesterday commenced suit in assumpsit, in the Superior Court, against Charles V. Marsh; damages, $2,500.

Stephen Gray yesterday entered confession of judgment, in the Superior Court, against Adelaide Jackson, for $540.

Adolph Schabehorn yesterday commenced suit against the *Illinois Staats Zeitung*, in case $10,000, in the Circuit Court.

George W. Murray, of Calumet, was yesterday adjudged insane, after a trial by jury, before Judge Wallace.

NEW SUITS.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Thomas Bulger, James Dobbs, James Greene, and Orrin Dodge v. Barge Venus; libel for wages, $114.38.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—8,142—Appeal. 8,143—Appeal. 8,144—Henry Hollock and Uriah H. Wheeler v. B. B. Appleby; assumpsit, $1,000. 8,145—Adolph Schabehorn v. *Illinois Staats Zeitung* Company; case, $10,000. 8,146—William H. Squires v. Benjamin C. Fogg; assumpsit, $1,100. 8,147—Thomas Bell and Harriet v. Philip Koeller and John Boyd; affidavit for replevin of horse, wagon, and harness valued at $400.

THE SUPERIOR COURT.—44,626—A. Cobb and R. L. Haley v. Daniel P. Kellogg et al.; petition to mechanics' lien on premises on the south side of Van Buren street and extending from Paulina street to Marshfield street or avenue, $2,952.04. 44,627—Anna A. v. William A. Waldo; bill for divorce. 44,628—Lord Henry Goettig v. Bissell & Smith; assumpsit, $900. 44,629—Confession, suppressed one day. 44,630—Appeal. 44,631—Tully C. Knox v. Henry F. Link; assumpsit, $600. 44,632—Palmer G. Goble v. Henry F. Link; assumpsit, $600. 44,633, 34—Silverthorn & Plummer v. W. R. Hawkins, Frank P. Hawkins, Nehemiah Hawkins, and J. C. Cushman; confession, $3,849.41. 44,635—Sarah J. Woodcock; bill for divorce, alimony, and injunction. 44,636—Fritz Voss v. Edward Grunger; confession of judgment, $123. 44,637—P. Stevens v. Schulliien and Erin Nilson; confession, $515.92. 44,638—Sandusky Wine Company v. Kolmer & Waldorf; assumpsit, $600. 44,639—Peter Kauf v. Chas. V. Marsh; assumpsit, $2,500. 44,640—Ida F. v. Frank S. Richards; bill for divorce. 44,641—Ralph Emerson and Wm. A. Talcott v. Alonzo W. Webster; confession, $131.62. 44,642—Stephen Gray v. Adelaide Jackson; confession, $540.

THE TICHBORNE CLAIMANT.

A Former Riding Teacher and Boon Companion of Sir Roger Turns Up in Illinois—He Thinks He can Prove Whether the Claimant is Bogus or Genuine.

The case involving the right to the Tichborne estates in England, has attracted the attention of the people not only of that country, but of the world.

It will have been noticed from newspaper paragraphs that Mr. Whalley, M. P. for Peterborough, is now in this country seeking pecuniary aid on behalf of the claimant, and also for evidence to sustain his claim.

In connection with this celebrated case, the following letter has been received by Mr. Buckley, the well-known law reporter:

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 13, 1873.

George Buckley, Esq.:

DEAR SIR: I see there is an Englishman—a Mr. Whalley—a member of Parliament, arrived in New York, for the purpose of collecting money in the Tichborne case in England. I would run down, to find out, by some means, where Mr. Whalley is stopping in New York, and then write to him and tell him that he can get more information from me about Tichborne than he can get in a month. If he wants it, please don't neglect attending to this at once. Yours truly, JOHN CROWLEY.

The cause of this letter was several conversations had with Mr. Crowley during the last session of the Illinois Legislature and subsequently. Mr. Crowley is a veterinary surgeon of large practice, and having more than ordinary intelligence. He is in every way considered to be trustworthy and his word reliable. He is quite sure he can either prove or disprove the identity of the claimant with Sir Roger Tichborne, because of his personal knowledge of the original and genuine Sir Roger. At the time that Sir Roger was stationed with his regiment at Cahir Barracks, Mr. Crowley's mother kept a hotel at Clogher, Ireland, which was the resort of Sir Roger and his intimate friends. Mr. Crowley was then a young man, given to field sports, and studying to qualify himself for the profession of veterinary surgeon. Sir Roger was a very poor horseman, and he employed Mr. Crowley to give him instruction in the equestrian art. They were much together,—boon companions day and night,—and there is little doubt that if any one can identify another then Mr. Crowley will be able to say whether the claimant is or is not the genuine Sir Roger.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE C., R. I. & P. R. R.

Extensive improvements have been carried on by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company during the last year or so. In addition to their splendid depot in this city, they have also just completed a fine passenger depot at Rock Island, near the bridge. They are also building a new and commodious freight depot and a large roundhouse for forty-two engines. The latter is 300 feet in diameter. A second track has just been completed between Fort Warren Junction and Colona, and men are now grading for and laying a second track between Morris and Seneca, which will be completed by the 1st of next month. Two miles of second track have also been completed east of Joliet. The Company intends to gradually lay a second track along their entire line. They have also completed three new iron bridges, namely: One of 150 feet span over Spring River; one of 50 feet span over Nettle Creek, and one of 150 feet span over Cedar River. Spring Creek they have spanned with a stone bridge of two arches 60 feet long. At Rock River bridge a new signal station has been erected and a second track laid. They have also in contemplation a new iron bridge, 100 feet long, over the Calumet River at Blue Island to replace the present wooden structure. All these improvements have been made, and are still carried on under the supervison of A. L. Mortimer, Chief Engineer of the Illinois Division. He is busy day and night preparing maps and plans. All the old maps were destroyed by the great fire.

THE BOSS CARGO.

The three-master Alexander B. Moore, which has on one or two previous occasions been written up by local papers, took in and left Chicago yesterday with the largest cargo of corn which has ever left this harbor. The vessel, it will be remembered, a short time ago, arrived in port carrying the largest cargo ever brought into Chicago, namely, over 1,000,000 feet of pine lumber. Not satisfied with this, but anxious to beat all outgoing cargoes, Capt. William Blyburn made up his mind that his splendid vessel should go out of port loaded with 65,000 bushels of corn, and yesterday his ambition was gratified. The name of the consigners of this immense cargo Wm. T. Baker & Co., of this city, who ship it in care of William Meadows, of Buffalo. The palm for largest outgoing cargo was heretofore borne by the I. H. Butter, which vessel carried East 62,000 bushels of wheat, beating the, at that time, best load of the four-master Winslow, by a couple of thousand bushels. The inward-bound cargo of lumber, already alluded to, is so far ahead of all others that the mentioning of previous large loads is unnecessary. Without going into any description of the vessel, it may be as well to state her general dimensions, which are: Length over all, 247 feet; keel, 236 feet; beam, 38 feet 8 inches; depth, 15 feet. The event of the big load was commemorated by a lunch in the saloon of the vessel, to which some sixty or seventy people sat down. The occasion was a very pleasant one, healths were drank, toasts proposed, and everything accomplished that was likely to aid in giving the vessel a good "go off" as Gen. Grant says, while later, the crew and trimmers shared in the good things which had been provided. The A. B. Moore was in Chicago on a previous occasion, but as the shippers wanted her to take a cargo at half a cent under current rates she moved to Milwaukee, and drained that city of its corn on hand.

THE IRON-WORKERS' STRIKE.

No Work at the Rolling-Mill—Poor Prospect of a Termination of the Strike—Contracts to be Forfeited in Ten Days—Strike of the Employes of the Plate and Rail Mill Company.

The rolling-mill strike continues. An interview with Mr. Potter, President of the North Chicago Rolling-Mill Company, showed that both employers and employes still hold out tenaciously, and what the end will be is as problematical as ever. It appears that between the Company and their employes there has been a standing agreement by which both parties agreed that neither should insist upon a change in wages until thirty days' notice had been given. This arrangement was being carried out in the present instance, when a session was held of the different unions of all mills in the Western country. At this session the employers attended, and an attempt was made to adjust matters, which proved unsuccessful. Immediately afterwards the workmen notified the Company that they were going to stop work unless their demands were acceded to, and no reduction being made, they stopped work accordingly. The Company had not diminished the wages of the steel-workers, but the iron-workers held a special meeting, and decided to make them stop working too. In this they were successful. At the present juncture the whole operations of the Company are paralyzed. What they wish, and their employes resent, is a reduction of 12 per cent in price of labor, which they think, in face of the high price of ore and the low price of iron, is but fair, especially as, about a year ago, upon the representation of the men and consideration of the high price of iron, they allowed them an increase equal to 16 per cent on their previous wages. The matter will be out of the control of either party in ten days, as by that time the orders held by the Company will have expired. The Company are anxious to have the work gone on with, as the most of it is for parties who, they fear, would be only too glad to get out of their contracts, having been disappointed in an attempt to float bonds. The iron business just now is very dull, the Troy Works are reported stopped for the season, and as soon as the next ten days are passed and gone no more iron work will be available for either workman or employer.

The Chicago Plate and Star Mill Company also completed their men who worked their factory have left them in the lurch, because they proposed, in view of the state of the market, to reduce wages 10 per cent. A two weeks' notice was given the employes of their determination of the reduction, which was to come in force on the 1st of the month. On that date Mr. John M. Ayers, President of the Company, found that his employes deserted him en masse, and have not returned since. The managers of the Company wanted the men to adopt a rolling scale of prices, but they insisted upon the Cincinnati scale, which Mr. Ayers is opposed to. On the 1st of this month the workers in this establishment all left, the managers apparently being firm in their decision to hold out as long as possible.

A VILLAIN AT LARGE.

The Bridgeport district, at the present time, is the haunt of a scoundrel who deserves the severest punishment that can be meted out to him, if his apprehension can be brought about.

A few weeks since he attempted an outrage upon a young girl who was walking alone in the vicinity of the Stock-Yards, and on Wednesday morning repeated the crime under circumstances almost precisely similar. There can be no mistake as to the man, as the descriptions given of him by his victims do not materially differ. He is said to be a slimly-built fellow, about 25 years of age, having light, thin whiskers and mustache, and wearing a black slouch hat, and dark coat and vest. The police are after him, and will use every effort to effect his speedy capture. The last girl he enticed away is named Maggie McCarthy. She is 14 years of age, and resides at No. 160 Bunker street. While looking for employment on Wednesday morning, she met the man at the corner of Halsted and Twelfth streets, and he offered her a situation, at $2 a week, in a house near the Stock-Yards. She accepted the offer, and the man took her on an Archer avenue car as far as Broad street. There he alighted, and went south, accompanied by the girl. He kept on until he reached the city limits at a point where the houses are few and far between. A light-complexioned man, who was passed in a drive past them, saw at a glance that the girl did not know where she was being led, and that the man meant mischief of some kind. He stopped, and asked her where she was going, and if she was acquainted with her companion. Before the girl could answer, the scoundrel who had "employed" her took to flight, and succeeded in making his escape. The girl was brought to her home by Mr. Trapp.

THE TEMPERATURE.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.

The range of temperature this day, as reported by L. Manasse, optician, 23 West Madison street, every half-hour, is as follows:

FAHRENHEIT.			
7:00 a. m.	79	1:00 p. m.	86
7:30 a. m.	75	1:30 p. m.	85
8:00 a. m.	77	2:00 p. m.	85
8:30 a. m.	78	2:30 p. m.	84
9:00 a. m.	79	3:00 p. m.	84
9:30 a. m.	81	3:30 p. m.	83
10:00 a. m.	81	4:00 p. m.	83
10:30 a. m.	82	4:30 p. m.	83
11:00 a. m.	84	5:00 p. m.	80
11:30 a. m.	84	5:30 p. m.	76
12:00 m.	84	6:00 p. m.	74
12:30 p. m.	86		

LIFE-RAFTS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: From river, lake, and ocean constantly comes report of disaster and frightful loss of life, consequent upon totally inadequate means of escape from wrecked or burning vessels. Even where there are boats enough to save all, it invariably happens that either terror, haste, or want of skill swamps and destroys them.

Long ago, Genius, in the shape of a distinguished American humorist ("Mark Twain"), gave a crude idea of safe and reliable "life-rafts," whose simplicity of construction and easy management would overcome the blind stupidity of terror or the awkward haste of unskilled effort.

Unfortunately, the distinguished humorist, though earnestly intending to show in his "life-rafts" a simple and safe method of escape from marine disaster, could not refrain from his usual funny paradoxes, and so damped his really practical suggestions with too much dry humor for their true value to be generally appreciated. The gist of the great humorist's suggestion (I am sorry he made it a jest) was simply the adoption of compactly-made and conveniently-formed caoutchouc-rafts, as a substitute for boats now carried so uselessly on ocean and inland-water vessels.

The elastic ingenuity of Goodyear, or any great rubber-man,—with proper suggestions from a committee of "old salts,"—could easily produce such rafts, suitable in shape and carrying capacity to our ships and steamers. The necessary launching-tackle might be so simple as to require neither skill nor presence of mind to prepare and push them overboard ready to receive their living freight, free from all danger of breaking, filling, and swamping.

Rafts capable of supporting fifty persons comfortably, properly fitted with receptacles for water and provisions; with mast, sails, &c., &c.; as compact and solid, and so simple that even stupid, selfish terror could not injure their efficiency, could easily be made to occupy the room of our present worse than useless boats.

A pretty lively experience of sea-dangers satisfies me that in rafts would be safety, and the merest water-tyro must see their utility and safety in any river or lake disaster. Yours, respectfully, GEORGE ROGERS.

WOODLAWN, Aug. 11, 1873.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

A hop will liven up the residents of the South Chicago Hotel this evening.

The Alpine Hunters hold their second annual picnic at Ogden's Grove, this afternoon.

The Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated by religious services at all the Catholic Churches to-day.

The Jewish Union will hold its annual meeting this evening, when special business will come before the Association.

The Eleventh Annual Picnic of the United Sons of Erin Benevolent Society will be held at Shaipshooters' Park to-day.

The opening on top of the roadway into the LaSalle street tunnel is being completed and the railing will be put up in a day or two.

The Directresses of the Orphan Asylum are requested to meet at the Asylum, this morning at 10 o'clock, to complete arrangements for the children's picnic.

Shaw's bathing house, the opposition on the part of property-holders, a solitary objector excepted, having passed away, will be erected very shortly at the foot of twenty-second street.

There will be a meeting, at the City Collector's office, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, of the committee charged with making arrangements for the picnic to be given in aid of the Mulligan Monument Fund.

There was a pleasant promenade at the West Side Rink last night. The musical programme was choice and its execution creditable. There will be a special grand concert this evening. The attendance last night was fashionable.

A train will leave the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific depot at 2 this afternoon, stopping at Twelfth and Twenty-second streets, to convey passengers to Green Valley, where a picnic in aid of the poor of St. Mary's Church will be held.

The annual Caledonian Picnic took place yesterday at Caledonia Park, an immense crowd of persons going out to enjoy the fun. There were sports peculiar to "auld Scotia," the wild music of the bagpipe, dancing, eating, drinking, and a pleasant time generally.

The *Journal* announces, in its city columns, that it is proposed to raise a fund for the bereaved family, and send him in the *Graphic* balloon to represent Chicago. By all means let the *Journal* man go. There is no newspaper man in town better prepared to depart this life, and none who can be better spared.

The voice of the double-barreled shot-gun will be heard on the prairie to-day. Pot-hunters and sportsmen will be abroad after prairie chickens, partridge, deer, wild turkeys, pheasants, and waterfowl, the close season for such game having expired yesterday. Quail, however, must not be popped at until the 1st of October.

A West Madison street horse-doctor, with a decided leaning towards lexicography, hangs out a sheet of tin, describing himself as a "hippopathologist." When a hackman calls upon him complaining that his horse has the botts, he falsifies away, and can only be brought to by rubbing down with a Webster's unabridged.

The non-sectarian cemetery, recently laid out at Hess' Park, will be dedicated to-morrow, the address being delivered by F. Lackner, of this city. The relatives and friends of the deceased whom they may wish to bury there will be at perfect liberty to use any religious ceremonies they deem proper, or none at all.

The body of the late G. L. Pierce, Master Mechanic of the Peninsular Division of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, and a prominent member of the Excelsior Lodge, Freeport Masons, and of the Escanaba Lodge, who died at Escanaba on Monday last, was brought to Chicago yesterday morning, for interment at Graceland Cemetery.

The *Evening Mail* has been publishing a series of articles casting serious imputations on the honesty and efficiency of the detective force of this city. While the accusations are based to a great extent on the statements of convicts, which should be taken with a grain of allowance, perhaps an investigation would do no harm, especially as there has not been an investigation in town for a week.

The Desplaines camp-meeting begins on Wednesday next. Superintendent Hebart has ordered the Barrington accommodation-train to stop at the ground, so there are already eight or ten families living there. Better preparations have been made this year for the convenience of those who wish to board than before. It is suggested that the sinking of an artesian well would secure a better quality of water than is now available.

A man who left the city on last night's express of the Chicago, Alton & St. Louis Railroad claims to have been robbed of his pocketbook, containing $75 in money, and his railroad ticket. He says that when the train stopped at the Burlington crossing of two men jumped on board and walked against him, but he did not become aware of his having been robbed until the conductor demanded his ticket. The railroad officials think he told this story to get a free ride.

The postal cards are being extensively used in this city. One million five hundred thousand have been received, and of these a million and a half have been disposed of. On the morning of the 5th of this month a million were received by the Post Office authorities, and on that day nearly 600,000 were sold. Almost all these are taken by business men's circulars, who send them, duly printed, to the Post-Office by the box-full. Notwithstanding the increase of work which the cards must cause, no addition to the Post-Office staff has been found necessary.

The friends of the late Marquis Aymard de Belloy will be pleased to learn that at a meeting of the City Council of Etrepagny, Department of the Eure, France, held on the 23d of May last, an announcement was made of the death of the Marquis, which news sadly impressed the members, who, in consideration of the services rendered by Mr. de Belloy to the City of Etrepagny during her last trials, unanimously passed resolutions of regret, and commissioned the Mayor to be the interpreter of these sentiments to his widow, the Marchioness A. de Belloy, and children.

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, President Rockin Clelland in the Chair. Commissioners Wright and Sheridan were also present. Officer Louis Looger was dismissed from the force for absenting himself from duty without permission. Oeson D. Brown, G. D. Holm, and John F. Krogh, candidates for the Fire Department, were appointed full members. The report of the Fire Marshal for the month of July was presented, setting forth the following facts: The total number of fires was 37; false alarms, 3; valuation of buildings and contents, $376,285; loss on buildings, $7,855; loss on goods, $7,875; total loss, $15,730; total insurance, $145,050; insurance over loss, $129,175. The causes of fire were as follows: Carelessness, 8; lamp explosions, 7; incendiary, 10; spontaneous combustion, 4; sparks from chimneys, 2; overheating chimney, 1; overheating furnace, 1; unknown, 4.

A Mr. Hoetzel, living in the three-story building No. 94 East Indiana street, while in a somnambulistic state, essayed to jump, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning, from his room in the third story upon the roof of a house adjacent. The distance from house to house is six feet, while to the pathwalk it is thirty feet. Mr. Hoetzel tried to make the short jump, and missed his footing, falling heavily upon the sidewalk, which gave way beneath the sudden shock and had the effect of waking the jumper. Finding himself clad in exceedingly simple and by no means superfluous attire, Mr. Hoetzel rushed for the door of his house and clamored for admittance. He obtained it, and was soon once more wrapped in slumber. Strange to say, but little damage was sustained by the somnambulist, a few slight bruises being the only evidences of harm resulting from a fall which, in a majority of cases, would cause fatal results. Mr. Hoetzel is addicted to somnambulism, having once before made a successful jump from the roof of his house without suffering to any extent in consequence.

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* says: For some time past a man named Henry C. Ring has been canvassing the city to obtain subscriptions for a paper published at Chicagoo called the *Fireside Friend*, of which he is the general agent, and giving chromos as premiums to those taking subscriptions. He employed about twenty men to canvass the city as sub-agents. On Sunday he made an appointment with his agents to meet him Monday morning at 10 o'clock, but on Sunday night he suddenly disappeared. Last night about half-past 8 o'clock, Detectives Bligh, Gallagher, and Fritsche arrested one of the sub-agents, named W. H. Jones, at the United States Hotel, for obtaining money under false pretenses, and soon after arrested another named L. H. Knapp on the same charge. It seems that these two agents have been going around obtaining a half dollar here and a dollar there from poor persons, promising in return to give them a chromo called "Cute." In this way they obtained quite a large sum of money, but the detectives hearing of the matter put a stop to it by arresting them. Whether Mr. King has been doing our citizens up in the same style we are not able to state, but his sudden disappearance looks rather suspicious.

The Directors of the Board of Trade yesterday at noon reported the names of twenty-four gentlemen selected by them as a Committee of Arrangements and Reception for the annual meeting of the National Board of Trade, which will be held in this city, beginning on the 21st Oct. next. The following are the names of the gentlemen selected: C. J. Davis, George Armour, Marshall Field, J. W. Preston, Edson Keith, Howard Priestly, C. M. Henderson, Anson Stager, W. M. Egan, J. H. McVicker, W. N. Brainard, S. A. Kent, J. H. Hobbs, Thomas Wight, D. W. Irwin, Daniel A. Jones, S. M. Moore, J. H. Bowen, Alexander Murison, Joseph F. Armour, John C. Dore, V. A. Turpin, H. A. Towner, Franklin McVeagh. Delegates—A. M. Wright, George M. Hone, N. K. Fairbank, E. W. Blatchford, George C. Walker, William E. Doggett, W. F. Coolbaugh.

CHICAGO.

From the Insurance Age (New York).

We have been to Chicago. We have gazed upon the untold glories of the marvelous Garden City. We have looked long and earnestly for the sackcloth and ashes in which we had heard its people sat and mourned, but we found neither sackcloth nor ashes, nor a people idle enough to mourn. We looked long and intently for its miles of blackened waste, its numberless blocks of charred and ruined palaces, but save the blistered walls and ruins of the old Court-House, and here and there a monumental wall of dingy brick or stone, few evidences of the dire disaster of twenty-two months ago could be seen, at least in the business portion of the city, and even thoughts of these were swallowed up in contemplation of the wondrous results of the energy, enterprise, and indomitable pluck of the miracle workers of this immortal Phœnix of the West.

To do Chicago, and describe what we saw, is beyond the power of the Man of the *Age*. Never before did we so fully realize that truth is stranger than fiction, nor feel that, should we dress the steadfast Goddess of Truth in all her soberest robes, in our attempt to tell of Chicago's gorgeous palaces of trade and art, her wondrous temples, her lordly mansions, of her numberless hives of industry, we could never hope for patient listeners or ready believers. Yet Chicago is all that we shall say of it, and more. It needs no fictitious bolstering. Standing at the head of Lake Michigan, whose waters now mingle continuously with the great Father of Waters, it commands a commerce whose past growth is without parallel, and whose future increase is beyond estimate. A very Queen, whose throne is at the head of the grandest chain of lakes in the world, she stands proudly, and earth and water lay their treasures at her feet. The superabundant products of the boundless West are brought to her gates by thousands of breathing iron monsters, whose heavy, labored tread, over paved roads of steel, are heard on every side, and thousands of capacious steamers and staunch, white-winged schooners, laden with her accumulated stores, are constantly winging their way over the waters of the great lake to the waiting millions on the shores of the Atlantic.

Chicago is all this, and the half is not yet told. The average Gothsmite, who has never visited the West and drank in the inspiring draughts of knowledge that come to him from a contemplation of its extent and the boundlessness of its resources, is apt to settle down into the belief that Chicago is only a wonderfully respectable backwoods town in point of size, and the thought of a comparison with our own great metropolis never enters into his calculations. He cannot realize that it has compactly built streets as long as from the Battery to Harlem, and that its population is nearly one-half as large as that of our city. He cannot realize that only twenty-two months ago a portion of this city (which now included the entire business portion), covering an area equal to all below Eighth street in our city, was swept away in a few hours, and that now the path of the destroyer can scarcely be traced. Nor can we. Its growth and the character of its improvements absolutely confound us. Its street and marts of commerce are as busy as ours; its blocks of buildings rival the best blocks on our own Broadway, in point of strength, durability, and architectural beauty, while its mammoth hotels throw our own boasted models of comfort and elegance far into the shade, not only in point of size and beauty, but in the taste, richness, and style of their finish and appointments.

On every side one's admiration is challenged by the display of architectural genius and artistic skill, and, as we pass from street to street, beneath the shadows of the lofty marble piles, we are lost in wonder and amazement at the rapidity with which the work has been accomplished. Hundreds of millions of dollars have been lavishly spread out to improve and beautify the city, and the purse is still open. Every man, woman, and child seems working for Chicago good, and they know no desire, no love, no hope not centered in the future greatness of their own beloved city. Each adds his mite to the huge wave of energy and enterprise that goes sweeping with resistless force through her busy streets and avenues, and none shall stay its course. North, south, east and west, with giant stride she is extending her borders, and men with capital, who can appreciate the boundless extent of her resources and foresee her future greatness, are pouring in their wealth to give to her additional strength and vigor, and add to the material prosperity and happiness of her people.

We dare not put on record our predictions of the Chicago of the future, lest we unknowingly say that the Chicago of to-day is the grandest monument of human energy, enterprise, pluck, and bold determination that the world ever saw.

March onward, O peerless city of the West, for destiny has marked thee Empress of that broad domain, and her wooded plains and fertile prairies, peopled by teeming millions of thy loving subjects, will ever pay willing tribute to thee.

How Toads Feed.

From the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

A gentleman in this city has a well-grown toad in his garden which is disposed to be quite tame and sociable. Recently, he threw it a stout piece of cooked ham, about half the weight of the ugly reptile. The creature eyed it wistfully, then stretching itself at full length on the ground began gradually to crawl (not jump) toward the meat. It would move an inch or two, then wink its eyes and lick its chops in the most curious manner, evidently meditating an attack. When about half a foot from the object, suddenly, quick as thought it pounced upon it and then leaped back as rapidly. This attack and retreat was repeated several times, until satisfied that it had vanquished its inert antagonist, the toad seized the meat, and, with a tremendous effort, gulped it down. Other bits of bacon were laid before it, but the creature, surfeited with its repast, took no notice of them. The toad is not very choice as to the quality of its food. The writer has seen one seize and swallow buckshot after buckshot as it rolled toward it, until weighed down with the load it bore further motion became impossible.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Friday Morning, August 15, 1873.

Our dispatches this morning rehearse the comments of a number of the leading newspapers of Iowa upon the Anti-Monopolist Convention at Des Moines. All parties are represented in these expressions of opinion, which will show fully and fairly how the action of the farmers is regarded from different points of view.

One of the many practical advantages the farmers may expect to derive from association has been illustrated by the action of the farmers of Champaign County. They have obtained a license from the State to act in a corporate capacity, and this week have sent to market nineteen car-loads of their corn, on which they expect to save $500. They mean to ship their whole crop in this way. Their plan of co-operation also includes the erection of a storehouse.

The Harvest Home picnic at Clinton yesterday was a great success, and was important, as developing the social side of the Farmers' Movement, which, beyond the pleasure such festivities always carry with them, will be sure to accelerate their political action, by teaching them to know each other better and like each other more. Nearly three thousand farming people were in attendance, who enjoyed themselves as people usually do at picnics, and then listened to addresses from Gov. Beveridge, ex-Gov. Palmer, Gen. J. C. Black, and others. Gov. Beveridge alluded to the angry temper in which some persons were discussing the railroad question, and to the talk of violence. This he deprecated, and said that if it were necessary he would use all the power of the State to suppress any disorderly movements.

A new witness in the Tichborne case turns up at Springfield, in this State. He was the real Sir Roger's riding-teacher and daily companion when Sir Roger, then a young man, was stationed with his regiment at Cahir Barracks, Ireland, and feels sure he can tell whether the claimant is what he pretends to be. His name is John Crowley, and he is a well-known veterinary surgeon of Springfield, and is vouched for as a man of high character and intelligence. Should Mr. Whalley, the English member of Parliament who is now in New York collecting funds and testimony, really want to have it settled whether or not his client is Sir Roger Tichborne, let him take Mr. Crowley back to London with him; but it is to be hoped that the English lawyers will not insist on another Tichborne trial to determine whether Mr. Crowley is the person he claims to be.

Lord Dufferin's reply to the memorial of the Opposition, praying him not to prorogue Parliament, reviews the position of the Government with regard to the whole matter. The proclamation issued some time ago, crippling the Parliamentary investigation by withdrawing its power to administer oaths, was issued on the authority of the law advisers of the Crown in England. The Canadian Cabinet were not responsible for it. He says that notice of the proposed prorogation was given when Parliament adjourned. No substantial objection was made to it then, and, in consequence, a large number of members did not return. If he had not prorogued Parliament, he saw no other course open than to dismiss his Ministry; and to do this while the accusations were untried would be a prejudgment of their guilt.

The Chicago *Evening Journal* and some other papers want to know who is Mr. F., the gentleman who took leave to deny very explicitly the supposed communication of Oakes Ames to Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, as vouched for by the editor of *Harper's Weekly*, wherein it is made to appear that Mr. Ames confessed that he had been guilty of perjury as well as slander in respect to the "S. C. or bearer" check for $1,200. The *Journal* pretends to regard Mr. F. a myth. Our reply is, that, when Gen. Clinton B. Fisk comes to the front (he has not done so yet), Mr. F. will come to the front and meet him. Meanwhile, the authority for the story that Oakes Ames, shortly before his death, acknowledged that he had committed perjury, rests with *Harper's Weekly*, which, according to the *Journal*, is a sheet much given to "boot-licking." For our own part, we wish that we might never hear of the Ames-Colfax controversy again. It makes no difference to anybody, except Mr. Colfax, whether he had the $1,200 check or not, and with him the difference is only a sentimental one. In escaping from the charge, he only goes out of the Ames frying-pan into the Nesbitt fire.

The Chicago produce markets were generally strong yesterday, and breadstuffs were active and higher. Mess pork was dull and a shade easier, at $15.30@16.00 cash or seller September. Lard was quiet and a shade firmer, at 7¼@8c per lb for whiter, and 7¾@7¾c for summer rendered. Meats were quiet and firm at 7¼@8c for shoulders, 9¼@9¾c for short middles, and 10@12c for sweet-pickled hams. Lake freights were dull and steady at 4½c for corn to Buffalo. Highwines were quiet and a shade firmer at 90c per gallon. Flour was strong and quiet. Wheat was active, and 1c higher on options, closing at $1.21 cash, $1.18¾ seller the month, and $1.12¾ seller September. Corn was active and ¾c higher, closing at 40c cash and seller September. Oats were more active, and a shade firmer, closing at 27¾@27½c cash, 27¾c seller the month, and 26½c seller October. Rye was quiet and 5c higher, being strong at 65c. Barley was excited, and 5c higher on the September option, which closed at $1.01. Hogs were fairly active, but lower, light grades selling at 5c and heavy at 10c decline. Closing prices were $4.30@4.90. Cattle were dull and weak. Sheep were steady.

The cotton-spinners of Manchester, England, are beginning to grow indignant because American cotton does not come up to the requisite standard of purity. One of them writes to the Manchester *Examiner*, complaining that he recently took a fair sample out of each bale of a small lot of American cotton, purchased at 6½d a pound, and, having "scutched" it, found that in 100 lbs there were 59 lbs of sand and 41 lbs of cotton. A second trial of some of the worst cotton in the lot proved a loss of 67¼ per cent. The charge is a serious one, but it would be still more serious if it were not a conceded fact that adulteration of almost every exportable article is a common practice in England. At present, the courts of that country are busily engaged in the trial of suits against all sorts of dealers in provisions and groceries for adulteration. The English, therefore, can hardly expect to monopolize the business.

Mr. E. Emery, of the Peoria *Transcript*, was Collector of Internal Revenue in his district in 1868. While acting in this capacity, the Peoria distillers placed $13,000 on deposit in his hands to secure the purchase of the Tice meters. Subsequently these meters were abandoned, and the distillers brought suit in the Circuit Court of the State to recover their money. No one appearing to defend in this court, judgment was obtained for $12,400 in favor of the plaintiffs (the distillers), and a perpetual injunction was issued restraining Emery from paying the money to Tice or his agents. Emery then paid over the money to the attorney for the distillers. Meanwhile Judge Doolittle had brought suit in the United States District Court for Tice against Emery to recover the money. Emery appeared and detailed the history of the other suit, but Judge Blodgett, notwithstanding, issued an order that Emery should pay the money into his Court. Emery claims that he can't do this, as he has already paid over the money on the order of the State Court. The question of jurisdiction arises, and Emery wants to know whether Judge Blodgett will arrest him if he fails to pay the money into his Court within the alloted time. He probably will, unless Emery can give a good reason for not complying with the order. It is for Judge Blodgett to decide whether the reason is a good one or not. This is certainly a case arising under the laws of the United States. Emery himself seems to have had a suspicion that the case properly came within the jurisdiction of the United States Court, as he obtained an indemnifying bond from the distillers holding him harmless against any suits Tice might bring.

The country is familiar with the first Syndicate, the one in '72, when Mr. Boutwell sold $130,000,000 of 5 per cent bonds to a combination of brokers, accepting their checks for the money, and depositing the same with the drawers for three months without interest. Treated as a compensation for exchanging old for new bonds, he paid them, in addition to the one-half of 1 per cent allowed by law, three months' interest on the 6 per cent bonds which they were to surrender. All this was illegal, not only without authority of law, but against the prohibition of law, yet a pliant committee of the House of Representatives approved Mr. Boutwell's theory, that the end justified the means, even if the latter were illegal. We have now the second Syndicate, and it turns out that this is worse than the first one. On the 1st of March, 1873, the Syndicate subscribed for $50,000,000 of 5 per cent bonds, contracting to deliver in exchange therefor an equal amount of 6 per cent on the 1st of June, the Syndicate to receive the interest on both series of bonds for the three months. But it seems the Syndicate were not able to deliver the 6 per cents at the end of the three months, so the Secretary of the Treasury extended the time to the 30th of July, giving them five months. Thus the original illegal act of Mr. Boutwell has been improved upon by his successor, and the present Syndicate enjoys five months' interest where the first one had three months. Thus does a bad precedent grow in its evil consequences. The present Secretary may well say that, if his predecessor could sell $50,000,000 of bonds on three months' credit without interest, he is equally justified in selling the same amount on five months' credit; and if five months, why not seven, ten, or twelve months?

THE DES MOINES CONVENTION.

The Anti-Monopolists of Iowa, who nominated a State ticket at Des Moines on Wednesday, have this in common with the People's Party which was organized in Ohio a couple of weeks ago: Absolute repudiation of both the Republican and Democratic parties as having outlived their usefulness and their decency. The expression of both Conventions on this point was unmistakable. They both look forward to an entirely new and independent political organization as the only remedy for the abuses and corruption of the time. Republicans and Democrats do not come together in the way of a temporary compromise to secure some immediate object, but they have earnestly gone to work for a long pull and a strong pull to reform a vitiated political status, for which both the old parties are about equally responsible. They are no longer Republicans or Democrats, but anti-monopolists and anti-corruptionists,—a People's Party. In Iowa, the Democratic party is entirely suppressed. The resolutions of the Convention are as severe upon the Democratic organization as upon the Republican, and *vice versa*. The gentleman nominated for Governor has been a Republican in times past, and their candidate for Lieutenant-Governor has been a Democrat; but nothing appears in the proceedings of the Convention to indicate that former political associations exercised any influence on the nominations one way or another. An effort which was made to ascertain the political complexion of the Convention, according to the old division in parties, was voted down. This action was a notice to the world that the new party was neither Democratic nor Republican in its component parts. The dead past was utterly ignored, left to bury its own dead issues, and a policy was outlined for the future which is likely to enlist the co-operation of all men who act with a political party rather for the sake of what it is to accomplish than for the sake of the party itself.

It is a matter of secondary consequence whether or not the Anti-Monopolists of Iowa succeed in electing their State ticket next fall. It is not probable, from the present outlook, that they can do this. Iowa has been a Republican stronghold for twenty years. The majority at the Presidential election last year was over 60,000, and it has averaged more than 40,000 for a number of years. All the offices, Federal and State, and nearly all the local places, are in the hands of the Republicans. It would be too much to expect that the new movement should overcome this vast majority with its ubiquitous machinery at the very first election. But the funeral obsequies of the Democratic party will have been held in that State, and that is the first and most imperative need of the future. The Anti-Monopolists will undoubtedly succeed in securing the control of many of the local offices and of electing a fair proportion if not a majority of the Legislature.

The platform adopted by the Convention is a strong one, and, with a single exception, practical and to the point. We have already expressed the opinion that it is impracticable to regulate railroad rates by State legislation, and we are not now prepared to dissent from this view. The attempt is likely to be made in Iowa, however, whether the Republican party or the Anti-Monopolists succeed, and we shall have an opportunity of watching its operations in a State more favorable than Illinois. The platform in every other respect is admirable in matter and ringing in tone. It demands a repeal of the tariff on salt, iron, lumber, cotton and woolen fabrics, and a reduction of the whole tariff system to a revenue basis. On the score of monopoly, there is little difference between extorting money from the people to pay dividends on watered stock and extorting money to protect a certain class of capitalists from competition. The repeal of the Salary bill and the refunding of the grab is put in the shape of a demand which should teach the office-holders that they are the servants and not the masters of the people. Reservation of the public domain for actual settlers is favored as the surest means of preventing land-grabs, and the fairest form of distribution. Strict construction of the Constitution, greater freedom in banking, and rigid accountability of all public officers are cardinal principles of the platform. Finally, there is an invitation to all men, whatever their business or vocation may be, and entirely regardless of past political views, to join the movement against "The corrupt Tammany steal, the Credit Mobilier fraud, the Congressional salary swindle, and the hundreds of other combinations, steals, frauds and swindles, by which Democratic and Republican legislators, Congressmen, and office-holders have enriched themselves, defrauded the country, and impoverished the people." This is the key-note of the new campaign, whether it be in Iowa, in Ohio, or in any other part of the country.

The nominations made by the Iowa Anti-Monopolists appear to be in keeping with their declaration of principles. Mr. Jacob G. Vale, of Van Buren County, has never been prominent in politics, is a practical farmer, and President of a projected railroad to run from Cedar Rapids to St. Louis, which is to be built by the people along the line, and starts out with the agreement to subject itself to legislative control. Mr. Fred O'Donnell lives in Dubuque, was a member of the last Iowa Legislature, and the author of the bill to regulate rates of tranportation, which was defeated by the casting vote of the present Lieutenant-Governor. Whether these gentlemen can overcome the enormous Republican majority in the State or not, they will always bear the distinction of having led the first vigorous independent movement in Iowa towards political freedom.

THE CANADIAN TURMOIL.

The proceedings in Canada at the meeting of the Dominion Parliament are so revolutionary in their character that they can hardly fail to attract special attention in England, and to create new excitement in all parts of the Dominion. The public are already familiar with the alleged bribery of the Dominion Ministry generally, and of no less than four of the Ministers personally. The charge rests upon written statements of Sir Hugh Allan and G. W. McMullen, and upon certain receipts given to them for the money, the whole having been made public by Mr. McMullen. When these accusations were made, the Opposition proposed a Parliamentary investigation, but, under the direction of the Ministry, the majority voted this down. Subsequently, on motion of the Ministers, and at the suggestion, it is believed, of Lord Dufferin himself, a committee was appointed, which fixed the first week in July to begin the investigation. In the meantime, the English Government, in the exercise of its revisory power, disallowed and rejected so much of the authority given to this Committee as empowered them to examine witnesses on oath; so, when the Committee met in July, it was a question whether they would go on and take unsworn testimony or not, and the Ministerialists on the Committee, being in the majority, decided to take no testimony. This sharp practice in having the power to examine witnesses on oath taken away from the Committee, and then using the want of such power as an excuse for not taking any testimony, however successful in defeating the investigation, had the effect of intensifying public feeling throughout the Dominion. Parliament had adjourned to meet on Aug. 13, and, in anticipation of their action on the subject of the investigation, it was suggested through the Ministerial press that Lord Dufferin, the Governor-General, would adjourn Parliament on the day of its meeting, and would appoint a Royal Commission to make the investigation. This Commission, being selected by the Ministers will naturally be selected for the purpose of declaring the Ministry innocent. The Governor-General, however, as late as Aug. 8, in a speech delivered at Halifax, held out the idea that he would be governed by the wishes of Parliament. In that speech he said:

> My only guiding star in the conduct and maintenance of my official relations with your public men is the Parliament of Canada. I, gentlemen, believe in Parliament, no matter which way it votes, and to those men alone whom the deliberate will of the Confederate Parliament of the Dominion may assign to me as my responsible advisers can I give my confidence.

This assurance gave great encouragement to the Opposition, and, when Parliament assembled on the 13th, Mr. Mackenzie, leader of the Opposition, as a matter of privilege, proposed a resolution in the Commons, and while speaking thereon was interrupted by the Speaker, who declared that he had received a command from the Governor-General for the Commons to attend in the Senate Chamber, where the representative of the Crown was about to prorogue Parliament. The Speaker then put on his official cocked hat, and, preceded by the Usher of the Black Rod, or whatever his name is, and followed by the Ministerial members, left the Chamber. The Opposition members, who are figured up as now constituting a majority of the Commons, declined attendance at the prorogation, and, later in the day, held meetings in which they expressed their opinions somewhat freely.

The theory of the British Government is, that the Commons represent the country, and that, when the Commons express their opinion in opposition to the Ministry, the Crown must respect it, either by a change of Ministers or by an appeal to the country in the election of a new Parliament. There have been times in the history of the English Government when the Crown has prorogued Parliament to avoid hostile legislation, and there have been times when there was no Parliament at all, the King ruling without one. But such times have passed away, and it has now become a fixed principle of the British Government that the Ministry is directly responsible to the Commons. No British Minister at this day would dare defy public opinion by proroguing Parliament in order to defeat an investigation into the alleged bribery of the Ministry or of any Minister. In fact, no British Minister would be tolerated in office one hour who objected to any scrutiny of his official acts, and especially of a charge of corruption. An attempt to do in England what has been done in Canada would produce a revolution. The whole English people would resent it in stentorian tones. Lord Dufferin holds office in Canada from the British Ministry, and the latter are therefore responsible for his conduct. They cannot shift this responsibility, and must either avow or disavow it, and in either case must be responsible to the British Commons. In the meantime, the British Parliament will not meet until next winter, and in the interval the Commission appointed by the Governor-General of Canada will have reported. That report, it is fair to assume, will whitewash the Ministry, and the British Government will, perhaps, accept that as a justification of Lord Dufferin's extraordinary proceeding.

But will the people of Canada accept that report? The Dominion Parliament has been prorogued until after that report is made, when it will be again called. In the meantime, Canada will be in a ferment of excitement. The entire proceeding is so opposed to British notions of responsible government, that it is probable that the Parliament when it meets, some months hence, will be even more excited than it was on Wednesday last, and that it will turn out that in point of fact all the Ministry have gained is a delay of the great exposure, delay of the vote of want of confidence, and delay in their dismissal from office.

It is but proper to state that there is a strong feeling on the part of the British Ministry in favor of the present Canadian Ministry. Sir John A. Macdonald, the Canadian Premier, was a member of the Joint Commission that negotiated the Treaty of Washington. The money accepted from Allan is said to have been used in electing a majority in Parliament to ratify that part of the treaty relating to Canada. So far as the British Ministry dare go, they will support their friends in Canada; but such a proceeding as that which Lord Dufferin carried through on Wednesday last is one that is not likely to be more popular in England than it will be in Canada.

ANN ELIZA AGAIN.

As the preliminaries of the divorce suit of Ann Eliza Young from the Prophet begin to develop themselves, it is apparent that Ann Eliza is a very fickle woman, and that the sympathy which she has created in her effort to escape from polygamy has been wasted upon a very unworthy object. It now appears from the statements of one of her own counsel, Judge Hagan, made to the correspondent of the New York *Sun*, and which we give upon his authority, that the divorce suit was originally one of the phases in a contest between Mormonism and Methodism. The Rev. Mr. Stratton, formerly of Portland, Ore., is a Methodist minister in Salt Lake City. Ann Eliza thinks a great deal of Stratton, and, taking advantage of this fact, Mr. Stratton determined to convert her and pluck her like a brand from the burning. He commenced operations by urging her to bring this suit, and, after long demurring, he prevailed upon a law firm in that city to undertake the case. Ann Eliza finally consented to leave her fractional section of Mr. Young, and the lawyers began in earnest. It was necessary that the suit should be brought in the name of her next friend, as the law does not recognize the right of the wife to sue her husband in chancery. The lawyers, therefore, suggested that the Rev. Mr. Stratton should put his name on the bill, but, after getting Ann Eliza into the scrape, he hadn't pluck enough to help her out. Accordingly, the name of Gen. Maxwell, who is in the Land Office, was inserted. As soon as this was done, however, the lawyers lost track of Ann Eliza, nor did Stratton drop in, as was his wont, to confer with them. Her counsel then began to look about them, and they found that Ann Eliza, instead of coming to them, was visiting the Rev. Mr. Stratton, and not only Ann Eliza, but Ann Eliza's father and mother, and H. B. Clawson, who is married to two or three of Brigham's daughters, and is, therefore, two or three sons-in-law of Ann Eliza. The lawyers began to scent a compromise, but Ann Eliza denied there was anything of the kind going on. The lawyers, however, could not understand this sudden intimacy of Ann Eliza, her father and mother, Clawson, and other Mormons, if Stratton was really trying to convert her over to Methodism. So the lawyers put their heads together and determined to find out what was in the wind. One day they met her and informed her that they thought they would withdraw from the case, inasmuch as the retaining fee was a very shadowy one, and it was a great vexation at best. This exactly suited Ann Eliza, and away she went to see Stratton in the best of spirits. The lawyers then knew that she had compromised with Brigham, and that night informed her and Stratton that they had not withdrawn from the suit and didn't intend to. Ann Eliza's spirits fell forty degrees at once, but Stratton consoled her as best he could, and went to see the lawyers. Meanwhile, the latter received authentic information that she had compromised with the Prophet through Stratton for $5,000 down and $10,000 in ninety days. Maxwell was very blunt with Mr. Stratton, and said: "She can settle the case, so far as she is concerned, for two bits, if she wants to, but she can't settle it for me, I'll be d—d if she can. I am a party to the suit, and the law makes her counsel parties to it, and I don't propose to go back on them."

There the matter stands. Ann Eliza has compromised the suit, and don't want to get divorced, and the lawyers haven't compromised, and are going to divorce her any way, if they can. Ann Eliza has made a beautiful muddle of it, and deserves to lose the $15,000 for which she has bargained to stay in polygamy, as she probably will. If the Court should grant a decree of divorce, then the Prophet will get mad, and won't pay her, of course. If it should refuse to grant a decree, then there is no necessity for the Prophet to pay it, for she will still be Ann Eliza Young, No. 17. The romance of the case of Ann Eliza begins to dissipate in view of the $15,000 compromise. The public will dismiss at once the sympathy which it has heretofore expended upon her, and will be inclined to regard Ann Eliza as a hard ticket. The most inscrutable thing in the whole case, however, is, why the Prophet should be willing to pay $15,000 to keep Ann Eliza when he has got a house full of wives, especially after discovering Ann Eliza's little game in bringing the suit. One would naturally suppose he would jump at the chance of getting rid of her, and would never miss her, considering the amount of wife he has got on h and, and his own venerable condition.

THE PAPER TAX.

The *Paper Trade Reporter*, the organ of the paper-manufacturers of the United States, has an elaborate article on the tariff question as applied to that branch of American industry, showing that, in order to "even up" the paper interest to that of the other protected trades, the duty on foreign paper should be raised to 40 per cent. The present duty is 25 per cent, and under this inadequate duty the *Reporter* tells us that millions of copies of the New York *Tribune*, filled with Protectionist arguments, are scattered over the country printed on paper imported from Belgium! This is certainly a grievance. The drift of the *Reporter's* article, however, is not in the direction of higher duties, but rather of an abandonment of the protective system. It says:

> A legislation of compromises and sentiment and so-called reciprocal benefits and favors is unsound, vicious, partial, and as a natural consequence always corrupt and tyrannical. If all interests are equally helped, they all might just as well not be helped at all, for in sitting down to play a game with counters it makes no difference whether they are valuable or worthless so long as all are helped alike. If all the interests of a nation make double profits, the effect is precisely the same as if all made half profit. If we make and use only iron, sugar, wool, flour, and paper, each at a dollar a pound is precisely the same as each at a cent a pound, and there would not be the slightest gain in raising them all to a hundred dollars a pound. But the legislation that professes to look after the welfare of all interests is always engineered by majorities, and these majorities are always on the side of the stronger interests; therefore the stronger an interest is the more laws are enacted in its favor, and the weaker it is the more it is oppressed. And this is so obvious, proceeding from the law that men invariably abuse power, and especially power for whose abuse they cannot be held accountable, that it is a downright wonder to thinking men that the pretense of trade philanthropy and benevolence, or of the mutual conservation of interests, should ever be allowed to enter legislative bodies where an irresponsible majority must necessarily rule, and in the process of class legislation destroy one interest for the benefit of another.

The duties which really oppress the paper-manufacturer, taxing the articles which he has to use, are these:

> Alum, taxed 60 cents per 100 pounds, equals 30 per cent gold, nearly 35 per cent currency upon foreign cost.
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> Brimstone in rolls, $10 per ton, gold. Hence, sulphuric acid costs the American paper-maker 2½ cents per pound; the Englishman gets it for 1 cent; difference, 175 per cent.
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> Caustic soda, 1¼ cents per pound, gold; 25 per cent.
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> Clay, $4.50 per ton; difference, 30 per cent.
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> Soda ash, ¾ cent per pound, gold; difference, 10 per cent.
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> Wire cloth, 81¾ per cent iron, from 2 15-100 cents per 100 pounds to 31¾ per cent; averages, 35 per cent.
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> Felts, deckels, etc., average, 50 per cent.
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> Fibres, 10 per cent.

The *Reporter* thinks that the newspapers of the United States are in a conspiracy against the paper mills, and that they will oppose every measure for their relief. On the contrary, we think that the newspapers generally will advocate the complete abolition of every one of these nasty, picayune duties, the relics of a semi-barbarous system of taxation. THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE has repeatedly advocated their repeal, and so have most of the leading journals of the West. The only reason why they haven't been repealed is that the paper-manufacturers themselves wouldn't help. They were wedded to the protective system, which, as the *Reporter* shows, is shedding their blood day by day. If they will now take hold and help, we promise that the press will not be backward in urging the repeal of all the taxes on knowledge.

We infer from the stirring speech made by Gov. Booth in San Francisco that the California people are becoming thoroughly aroused at the railroad abuses which they have suffered. Nowhere in this country have the people been bled by railroad rings to anything like the same extent as in California. They have been robbed of their lands; their State, and county, and municipal treasuries been depleted; politics has been run in the interest of construction rings; taxes have not only been imposed directly, but the people have been swindled even out of the stock that they subscribed and paid for. Gov. Booth says that ballot-boxes have been stuffed and returns altered to secure a certain subsidy. He believes that the people are under a sort of terrorism, unable to revolt against the despotism that oppresses them. Goat Island is the next objective point, and the monopolists are boastful in their confidence that they will get it. He speaks of Credit Mobilier and the Contract and Finance Company as "a twin birth of incestuous shame." The latter was to the Central Pacific what the former was to the Union Pacific, with the difference that its stealings were probably more enormous. California and its counties have paid out $30,000,000 in subsidies, and are paying out $105,000 annually in interest, to saddle all this misery upon the people. Yet the Company defies the State to collect its taxes, and defies the people to help themselves in the general extortion which it practices. Gov. Booth says that "There is not a piece or species of public property from the China Basin and Goat Island to all the broad acres of our national domain, from the remotest point in the mountains to the rolling waters of the rivers of the Plains, upon which some incipient or full-grown monopoly has not fixed its covetous eye, and does not hope to obtain through some kind of political corruption in bargain and sale." Query for the people: What are you going to do about it?

The platform adopted by the Republican State Convention of Pennsylvania, held at Harrisburg on Wednesday, was not singular in being inconsistent, but its inconsistencies are so glaring that they are worthy of notice. One of the leading resolutions was that "The National Administration demands continued confidence, and is entitled by its promotion of the best interests and prosperity of the nation to the earnest support of the people." Yet a subsequent resolution condemned salary-grabs in general, and demanded a repeal of the law which authorized the recent increase. Now good Republicans, such as they have in Pennsylvania, cannot be ignorant of the fact that the National Administration, which has met with their approval, was particularly active in securing the passage of the Salary bill, which has met with their condemnation. If they did not know this, they could not have been ignorant of the fact that the Salary bill became a law by the signature of the President, to secure which the bill offered him $100,000, and that he thereby assumed a responsibility equal to that of both Houses of Congress, which united in perpetrating the fraud. We assume that the Republicans, in their unqualified indorsement of Gen. Grant's Administration, also intended to approve of the Louisiana usurpation and the Fort Snelling swindle. Their action is one after Mr. Cameron's own heart. Another inconsistency, which will be equally apparent to most people, is the indorsement of the protective system in one place and an expression of sympathy with the farmers in another. The Iowa farmers, judging from their resolutions at Des Moines, will not regard this expression of sympathy as very sincere.

Dr. F. von Hoffendorff, a writer in the *Gegenwart*, has published an exhaustive article in that magazine to show that the Berlin University is rapidly decaying, contrary to the expectation of the managers and the Government, that, when Berlin became the Capital of the Empire, the other universities in the Fatherland would lose many students, who would be attracted to Berlin. Exactly the reverse has taken place. The other universities are thriving, and the Berlin University is losing ground. In the winter session of 1872-73, there were 1,918 matriculated students at Berlin. Of these 652 went away, leaving 1,266, to whom were added this session 534, so that the entire number is now but 1,590. Out of this total, the six old provinces of Prussia send 1,122, so that only 148, or not one-tenth of the whole, remain for the new and western provinces. At Leipsic, however, the increase has been very large. The figures for the last session show an attendance of 2,650, and this number has been increased during the present session to 2,720. The learned Doctor tries to account for the discrepancy by considerations of economy and of health, both physical and moral. Were he allowed to write the real cause, he might find it in the despotism which has its centre in Berlin.

There is one resolution in the platform adopted by the Republican State Convention of Pennsylvania which looks very much as though the Republican party there was opposed to any constitutional prohibition of special legislation. The demand is made, "emphatically and especially," that any provision which the Constitutional Convention may adopt in regard to special legislation shall be submitted to the people separately. There would be no occasion for this demand if the Republican party in the State did not propose to defeat the constitutional prohibition. The justice and protection assured by an abolition of special legislation are perfectly apparent to all honest and intelligent men. The advantage of a constitutional prohibition has been abundantly attested by the experience in this State. But political parties generally, and particularly in Pennsylvania, have thrived on special legislation, and are slow to give up the profits it affords.

NOTES AND OPINION.

There was a trifling error in the statement about the Ohio Constitutional Convention. It was in session eighty-seven days to Aug. 8, when a recess was taken to Dec. 2; and it has eaten up $62,981.71 of the appropriation. But the appropriation was $71,500, instead of $65,000, so that there is a balance of $8,518.29 left over for the bleak December days that will intervene before a new Legislature shall provide some more. The Convention is largely made up of "great constitutional lawyers," and has all its work yet to do.

—This platform, emanating from Iowa, is a model of brevity, if not of point:

> WHEREAS, We believe that when a man steals he is a thief; and
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> WHEREAS, A majority of the politicians of *both parties steal*; now, therefore,
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> *Resolved*, That we are tired of being plundered.
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> *Resolved*, That it is a good time for thieves to stand from under.

—George E. Pugh flings this handful of brickbats:

> I have been so provoked, lied about, and insulted by the present managers of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, that I intend, as if it were the last act of my life, to give them a little instruction.

Thieves, and liars, and rogues have possession of our Government—Federal, State, municipal.

> We State have suffered more than Kentucky, if we are to believe the reports of her own officers.

Will there ever be a time, in the estimation of her brave citizens, that high ambition does not consist in killing or whipping colored men?

—The New York *Sun* prints a leading editorial in italics, as follows:

> *We learn from sources that are not likely to be mistaken that there is a deficit of ten millions of dollars or more in the cash in the Treasury of the United States.*

—The Philadelphia Councils (Republican) have just perpetrated anew the annual outrage of going through the list of convicts-at-large for the appointment of Inspectors of Election, to serve Oct. 14. Whereupon the Philadelphia *Age* says:

> An investigation of the robberies in the City Treasury would follow. Widener's removal. The "Ring" know well they cannot stand that. They have stopped it in Councils and in the Courts, and will smother it again in a fraudulent ballot-box. If George Clymer and Benjamin Franklin rose from the dead to run for Sheriff and City Treasurer, and should be elected, the "Ring" Judges would return them defeated, by a large majority. It may be well to talk about a coming election, but what is really coming is a huge election fraud—and it is preparation to meet it that is needed.

Will the many submit to be ruled by the few—and by fraud? That is the question.

—The Rock Island *Union* (Administration) thinks the Democratic State tickets in Ohio and elsewhere "will have to be held up to be knocked down." Which is just what the Administration is doing.

—The Burlington *Hawk-Eye* supports Gov. Carpenter for re-election in Iowa, and yet says:

> If Ben Butler should succeed in manipulating the Massachusetts Republican Convention to his liking and secure the nomination for Governor, the Iowa resolution about "bad candidates" will be very popular in the Old Bay State this fall, and there would be much doubt as to the propriety of the application of the principle in that case either.

But suppose the *Hawk-Eye* first ascertain the Massachusetts opinion of Carpenter, and whether the Iowa rule be not most applicable at home. Whatever Ben Butler may be, he doesn't add deception to his misdeeds.

—The Ottumwa (Iowa) *Courier* discovers a movement among the men of Wapello County to go into politics this year, in earnest, and to "practice the use of hemp."

> Reform has been the patient cry of the people for years, and in all the mutations and transformations of parties—the casting down of one and exaltation of another—we have only temporary checks to a growing political corruption to show as the net result. While one set of political villains are undergoing expulsion, another set are climbing to their vacated seats, to be cast down by a deceived people in their turn.—*Woodstock (Ill.) Sentinel.*
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> We think it well to reiterate the fundamental maxim that for all the evils now prevalent—a packed Supreme Court at Washington; the salary-steal approved by Grant; the final consummation of the Fort Snelling swindle; the suspending of the writ of habeas corpus in time of profound peace, and all other outrages on the people—for each and all of them the Republican party, as an organization, is responsible. To this responsibility it must be held, in spite of all its wriggling and squirming. Its highly honored men are Oakes Ames, Cameron, Patterson of South Carolina, Kellogg, the two thieves of Kansas, and Mait. H. Carpenter, who bids fair to steal away from Butler his well-earned title of the Beast. These be thy gods, O Israel!—*Pittsburgh (Pa.) Post.*

—If the argument that President Grant is to be credited with the reduction of the public debt and taxes, and all reforms in the nation is a good one, is it not a logical conclusion that he is also responsible for the "back-pay steal," when his signature alone made that steal possible?

> The real fact is, Republicans and Democrats who supported this measure are alike to blame. The vote shows that, had either, as a party, opposed it, the measure could not have carried; but both, from President down, were alike in favor of the bill, and desired to pocket the money it gave them. Their passing it is the strongest proof in the world of the charges made, that both the old parties are politically corrupt and officially dishonest.—*Rockford (Ill.) Journal.*

—Gen. Butler draws a piteous picture of the struggles of poor Congressmen to worry through life in Washington on $5,000 a year. Tears must start from many an eye that never wept before, at the thought that men who could *go into the* halls of the National Legislature every morning and command the enthusiastic plaudits of mankind, should be obliged to shovel coal the balance of the day for the maintenance of their families.—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*

—The heaviest argument put in by Ben Butler in favor of the salary-steal is, that their elected to Congress are so prone to steal that, in order to prevent them doing so, their salaries must be increased so as to take away all temptation. In a word, the Treasury of the United States must go into the competing list with the purses of corrupt corporations and rascally rings, to see which shall have the purchaseable commodity we have been sending to Congress.—*Burlington (Iowa) Gazette.*

—The substance of Butler's defense of the back-pay grab amounts to an effort to show that those who return the money are rather bigger rogues and much bigger hypocrites than those who retain it.—*New York Sun.*

—We warrant that Butler, and all others like him, will be held to strict account for his acts on the salary-grab bill. * * * The salary business in the last Congress was a larceny of public money to all intents and purposes—a grand larceny, a breach of public trust, a misdemeanor, and a malfeasance in office, which no people can permit to pass without rebuke, and at the same time look to see their servants in the future faithful to their interests.—*Harrisburg (Pa.) State Journal.*

—Senator Morton's position relative to the back-pay question is this: Immediately after the passage of the measure he announced his purpose of not drawing the back-pay and has not drawn a cent of it. Furthermore, he has announced that he never intends to draw it, and if he should do so he will violate his honor and lay himself open to severe condemnation.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—Now, the question is, does the back-pay still stand credited to Senator Morton, so that he may draw it at any time he sees proper? Senator Morton himself cannot afford to getting this case, nor can his friends for him.—*Evansville (Ind.) Journal.*

—We confess to a feeling of surprise as to Ramsey, as the *Press* has on several occasions stated that he had returned the money, and we could not credit an audacity that would publish this unless it were true. We expected a trick on the part of Windom, and have not been deceived. It turns out that both stand in the same category, and are simply holding back in expectation that public indignation will subside. In this they will be badly mistaken. As long as this money stands to their credit, subject to order, it is as much their property as if carried about in their pockets. It is not a failure to draw, but a failure to return, that constitutes the offense. Nothing less can be accepted; and it is getting late to even do that. Retaining possession is plain evidence of a purpose to keep. It is the motive that constitutes the crime as much as the act itself.—*St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer.*

—This (Fort Snelling) action of Secretary Belknap is severely condemned in some quarters. If he did wrong, it is clear that Belknap's Secretary, Floyd, did wrong in the first place in making the bargain with Steele.—*Evansville Journal—Administration.*

—The people of the District of Columbia think their debt of $25,000,000 is a monument to the stealing abilities of the Board of Public Works that is likely to increase with years unless Congress interferes and wipes it out with one of its handsome appropriations. This will prove another "back-pay" enormity that the people of the various Congressional Districts had better keep their eyes on. The Western Congressman who votes for an iniquity of this kind had better secure his pay in advance.—*Beaneville (Ind.) Journal.*

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—Among the infamies of the last session of ...e Pennsylvania Legislature there has just been ...covered a piece of special legislation for the ...y of Pittsburgh, which is wholly spurious. It ...as an act providing for the vacation of certain ...reets and alleys in Pittsburgh. Since the com...letion of the printed volume of laws, with this ...act incorporated therein, it has caused consi...erable excitement at Pittsburgh. Not one of ...e Representatives or Senators of that city ad... any knowledge of when the bill was intro...uced, or when it became an act by passing both ...ouses, though the manuscript copy in the ...ffice of the Secretary of the Commonwealth is ...egularly indorsed by one of the assistant clerks ...f the House to show that it passed there. But ...here is no record of it in the journals of ...ither House. It was never printed. The rec... of the committee to which it should have ...been referred contain no mention of it.—*Philadelphia Age.*

—When we expressed our fear that "the Radical ...party would control the action of the Illinois ...Board of Equalization in regard to the property ...of their friends, the monopolists," we hardly expected to be so soon reassured upon the ques...tion. But this morning the *State Journal* de...clares that "they"—the Radicals—"will compel ...the railroad companies to pay their full share of ...taxes assessed." This assurance comes from ...the great headquarters, and the admission by the ...*Journal* that the railroad control the Board, ...that the railroad companies are to "compel" ...the monopolists," will not fail to be ...read by the people who are engaged in the war ...upon the monopolists.—*Illinois State Register.*

—The Republican party, as we have often ...said, has done all that the farmers have asked, ...and would like nothing better than to ...have those specially interested in cheap trans...portation consult together and mature a plan for ...more effective reform of the transportation ...abuses.—*Alton (Ill.) Telegraph.*

—We would not crush out of existence our ...trades; on the contrary, we would give ...all reasonable support and build new ...ones whenever they are needed; but they are in ...reality the creatures of the people, and ...should subserve the people and not oppress ...them, and we hope that the problem now so get...ting agitating our people, of what are ...reasonable rates, and how shall we arrive at ...them, will be speedily and happily solved. The ...people have, it is true, made great sacrifices for ...their roads, and the roads have in turn, in many ...cases, wronged the people, but we believe ...that steps are being taken to properly adjust the whole matter.—*Jerseyville (Ill.) Republican.*

—The doctrine advanced by the Illinois com... that their charters are superior to the ...Constitution—that is, greater than the ...fundamental law itself—must be put down, and ...that at once. The only cure for existing ...evils, and the safest one, is to elect men to ...office who can not be bribed. When we have ...legislative halls filled with honest men, the ...power of corporation tyranny will come to a sud...den termination.—*Denver News.*

—The Granges of Iowa pass resolutions declaring to abstain from politics, Radical journals approvingly, and say it is the proper thing to do. When Granges of Wisconsin pass resolutions declaring in favor of the re-election of Washburn for Governor, Radical papers smile approvingly, and say it is the right thing for them to do. But perhaps when the Granges of Wisconsin thus enter the field and defeat Washburn for Governor, they are not "meddling with politics." Will some of the learned men over on the other side of the political fence tell us what the Radical notion in regard to this latter subject is?—*Keokuk Constitution.*

A PLEASANT FAMILY REUNION.

We are we called on to record a more ... pleasant event than was witnessed last ... at Anderson's Hotel, in commemoration ... birth-day of Mrs. J. E. Anderson. Her ... daughter had prepared, unknown to ... sumptuous banquet, among which were ... four sons, well-known to the Chicago ... active, enterprising, and popular hotel ... who, with her three daughters and a ... company of friends, made the festive ... with their sallies of wit and stories of ... Syne.

CARRIER-PIGEONS.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

Would it not be a good idea for steam... ing between this country and Europe to ... of the carrier-pigeon in case of delay ... the vessel? H.

Aug. 12, 1873.

Pastel Runaway.

Elroy, Wis., Aug. 14.—At Elroy, Wis., this ... a man named Blanchard, while driving ... through town, had his horse become ... and they ran away. Blanchard was ... and caught in a wheel, dragged ... fence, and was so badly injured that ... live.

LOCAL POLITICS.

Meeting of the Committee of Seventy Last Evening.

Adoption of a Resolution Providing for the Nomination of a Ticket.

Citizens Invited to Hand in the Names of Their Favorite Candidates.

A meeting of the Committee of Seventy was held last evening at the Builders' Exchange, Judge Gookins in the chair. The following gentlemen were present: C. C. Bonney, J. O. Brayman, Senator Woodard, Ald. Sidwell, Mr. McLogan, Mr. Phare, Mr. Daley, Frank Kelly, M. C. Kelly, John Sullivan, Mr. Hayman, Mr. Abbey, Ald. Quirk, Mr. Van Court, H. C. Morey, and Mr. Worthington.

On motion, the Vice-Presidents of wards were called upon to report progress.

Judge Bradwell, of the First Ward, not being present, a Mr. Kelly reported that he would do his best.

Mr. Miller, Vice-President of the Second Ward, was absent.

The Vice-President of the Third Ward, Philip Wadsworth, was not present.

Mr. Wirt Dexter, Vice-President, of the Fourth Ward, had resigned. Mr. Sidwell, who was called upon, did not know anything about it. He nominated Murry Nelson as Mr. Dexter's successor, which was agreed to.

The Vice-President of the Fifth Ward, Mr. Matthews, had declined to serve. The name of W. A. Phare, as his successor, was suggested and accepted.

The Vice-President of the Sixth Ward, Mr. Peter Quinn, had not been "got into communication with." Mr. McLogan did not know Mr. Quinn, and could not say what he would do. Hence the ward was "passed."

The Vice-President of the Seventh Ward, John Durkin, was absent.

The Vice-President of the Eighth Ward, M. Fleming, was absent. Mr. Daley, of that ward, did not know what the object of the meeting was, and was unprepared to report. Passed.

The Vice-President of the Ninth Ward, W. B. Bateham, was absent. Mr. Frank Kelly, his associate, did not know anything about it. The progress in the ward amounted to very little,—too little to report.

The Vice-President of the Tenth Ward, Mr. Hayman was present and reported that nothing had been done to organize the Tenth Ward. It was considered too early to do anything. But for his part he thought it none too early. He did not anticipate trouble. The ward would organize in eleven days.

The Vice-President of the Eleventh Ward, Mr. Drake, had moved out of the ward.

The Twelfth Ward was represented by Mr. C. Bonney, the Vice-President Mr. Wilce not being present. Mr. Bonney said that ward would organize itself.

The Vice-President of the Thirteenth Ward, Mr. Abbey, was present, and said Mr. Bonney's remarks applied to his ward.

The Vice-President of the Fourteenth Ward, A. McKenzie, was not present, Mr. Van Court reported that nothing had been done.

The Vice-President of the Fifteenth Ward, and all others were absent.

The Vice-President of the Sixteenth Ward, Mr. McDade, was absent.

The Vice-President, Henry Martin, of the Seventeenth Ward, had resigned. John Long (not Long John) was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Vice-President of the Eighteenth Ward, R. L. Leonard, was not present, nor was his associate.

The Vice-President of the Nineteenth Ward, Mr. Thompson, was absent, not being able to act. Mr. Kelly nominated John McKeown to act, which was agreed to.

The Vice-President of the Seventeenth Ward, G. H. Donkin, was absent. So was his colleague.

Mr. Kelly now moved that the Committee on Public Meetings assist the Vice-Presidents of all wards in the work of organizing the wards.

Mr. Bonney, in view of the promising condition of the wards, thought the Vice-Presidents should not be interfered with.

This was discussed, and the whole matter left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee was further empowered to fill vacancies in Ward Committee.

Mr. Kelly moved that proper persons in the various towns in Cook County be called upon to organize; also that the Finance Committee take proper steps to raise the funds necessary for the fall campaign, both of which were agreed to.

Mr. Kelly likewise moved that the Committee on Elections have it hereby directed, to interrogate all candidates for office, and to receive from any citizens names of proper persons for any and all offices to be filled at this election, and to report to this Committee those candidates most favorable to the law-and-order movement.

This Mr. Bonney had also considered, and wanted the meeting to hear his resolution, which was as follows:

Resolved, That the members of this Committee and citizens favorable to the present law-and-order movement be requested to suggest such men and measures as they would like to support at the ensuing city and county elections, and that the names of all such men be referred without debate to the Executive Committee, for them to consider the same and report them; and that all resolutions expressive of such measures be referred without debate to the Executive Committee, for them to consider the same and report thereon at a subsequent meeting of this Committee; but no nominations to be made by said Committee.

Senator Woodard thought this premature. The system of interviewing men on the eve of election was a farce, a snare, a delusion, and a fraud. The men put forward by the law-and-order movement, must be such men as needed no interviewing.

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"What do you do with it?" "Give it to boss."

"How much does he tell you to get?" "Fifty cents and a dollar."

"If you do not get money enough, what does he do?" "He licks me."

"Do you wish to go home with me, and stay all night?" He shook his head and showed me the 20 cents.

"Have you got to go to Canal street and carry this (harp—25½ miles)?" "Yes."

"Do you ever ride?" "No."

I talked with some police officers about it last evening. They treated me with great courtesy, but did not know what they could do.

A strong desire exists in this part of the city to have the matter agitated, and discussed, and to find out whether there is any remedy, and, if so, what steps should be taken. Some have suggested the propriety of seeing the Italian Consul.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 11, 1873.

SPRINGFIELD.

Sudden Death—The Board of Equalization Completes Its Organization and Adjourns to Meet on the 26th Inst.—Certificates of Organization Filed.—Change of Name.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Aug. 14.—Maggie Weiss, an abandoned woman, died suddenly, under suspicious circumstances, yesterday, but a Coroner's jury to-day certify that death was caused by apoplexy.

At the meeting of the State Board of Equalization to-day the standing committees were announced, as follows:

On Equalization of Personal Property—Wilmarth, Chairman; Whiteside, McCabe, Diggens, and Fisher.

On Equalization of Lands—Mosier, Chairman; Hunter, Parry, McNutt, and McMasters.

On Equalization of Lots—Prosser, Chairman; Dewey, Warner, McMasters, and Savage.

On Assessment of Railroad Property—English, Chairman; Warner, Whitney, Parry, and Dewey.

On Assessment of Capital Stock—Miles, Chairman; Savage, Fisher, McCauley, and Hunter.

On General Equalization—Wiley, Chairman; Diggens, Whiteside, McCabe, McNutt, Whitney, and McCauley.

Mr. Miles was elected Chairman pro tem., to preside in the absence of the Chairman.

The Board adjourned to meet on the 26th inst., when all the assessment returns will be in.

The Sewing Machine Power Company, capital $100,000, and the Low Water Detector Company, capital $50,000, both of Chicago, have completed their organization. A certificate of change of name of the Galva Banking Company to the People's Loan & Savings Bank, and to change place of business from Galva to Chicago, was filed to-day with the Secretary of State.

The Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners are busily engaged in the preparation of the freight tariffs.

LAKE DISASTER.

Wreck of the Lumber-Barge J. D. Morton on Lake Erie, with the Probable Loss of Two Seamen.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 14.—About 10 o'clock last night, the lumber-barge J. D. Morton, Capt. Peter H. Ficke, one of six in tow of the steambarge Sun, broke from her tow about twenty miles down the lake from this city, and in a short time she went to pieces, the lake being very rough. Capt. Ficke, his wife and little girl, and one sailor took the small-boat, and were saved by the schooner Mary L. Bunn, and brought to this port. Two seamen, Lewis Malloy, of Sarnia, and John Kenney, from near London, Ont., preferred to remain on the barge, and it is supposed that they were drowned. The Morton had on board about 200,000 feet of lumber, and was bound from Saginaw to Erie. When last seen, Capt. Ficke says that two or three other barges were laboring heavily, and it may be that other disasters occurred to the same tow.

Speech of Gov. Booth, of California, on the Railroad Question.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 13.—The recent great speech of Gov. Booth upon the railroad question has been the principal topic of conversation to-day, and created a profound sensation.

After reviewing the question of the disintegration of party ties, the growing tendency to-day for the centralization of power and the aggregation of corporate wealth, to the corrupting influences of the Credit Mobilier and the Contract and Finance Company, he passed to an illustration of the absolute power of railways to monopolize the commercial business of the country and ruin all competition by systems of special, and discriminating rates for transportation.

When touching upon the subject of the Central Pacific Railroad, and its interference in political and mercantile affairs on the Pacific coast, he said: "This statement is not exaggerated or emotional. I appeal to the experience of any business man in this community who takes part or feels an interest in public affairs. Get together a committee for the purpose of considering questions of public importance, but the moment that it trenches upon railroad ground, how many will feel that it is dangerous ground, full of pitfalls for their personal safety; attempt an organization to resist a railroad demand, no matter how bold and unscrupulous. How many will tell you, I should like to join you, but it will injure me in my business. The railroad can take away a special rate, or give it to my neighbor. They can give all along the line, so that none of their employes shall deal with you. They can ruin merchants who will not regard their orders. It may be a question of ruin, of bankruptcy, of bread to my family. The struggle of his manhood is earnest and painful, but the yoke is upon his neck, the iron in his soul. A ballot-box is stuffed, or returns altered to carry one subsidy. Another demand follows. Men will...not interviewing.

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MILWAUKEE.

The Burglars Allen and Baggio Found Guilty—Miscellaneous.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 14.—Conclusive testimony on Wednesday in the case against Allen and Baggio caused the prisoners to change their line of defence. It was stated that Allen acknowledged his guilt as one of the parties to Wheeler's robbery, but exculpated Baggio from all participation. The prisoners were both allowed to testify for themselves, and a strong effort was made to secure the acquittal of Baggio. Jack Allen testified that he was accompanied by John Hendricks and John Williams, and claimed that he did not meet Baggio until near the depot of the Northwestern Railway. He appeared quite independent of the consequences while on the stand, but was twice tripped in his statement. Of course Baggio claimed he nothing to do with the robbery and denied that he had visited Edwards' store in company with Allen to leave the trunk; also denied having played cards at the Fond du Lac House on the day of the robbery in company with Allen and other thieves of the gang; but this was established beyond doubt by the evidence of Edwards and the proprietor of the Fond du Lac House, and a produce dealer named Borchardt. The case was given to the jury about 1 o'clock, who returned in about twenty minutes with a verdict of guilty. The prisoners were remanded for sentence, and will probably receive the full extent of the law, which is three years in State Prison or at House of Correction. As they would likely to give the Inspector of the House of Correction much trouble, they will probably be sent to Waupun. The prisoners attracted crowds along their line of march from the station to the court-room and back. The officers were obliged to exercise care that friends would not effect a rescue.

Other informations are pending against convicts for robberies on the East and West Sides.

Gov. Washburn and staff will review the First Regiment of State militia here to-morrow. The regiment is composed of home companies. All are active for parade this afternoon.

This evening there will be a grand promenade concert at Milwaukee Garden, in honor of the Governor and staff.

OLD SETTLERS' MEETING.

Annual Reunion of the Old Settlers of Morgan, Cass, and Scott Counties, Ill.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Aug. 14.—The annual picnic and reunion of the old settlers of Morgan, Cass, and Scott Counties, the event of the year with this class of our citizens, was held to-day on a beautiful timber pasture, half a mile east of Little Indian Station, on the P., P. & J. Railroad, just on the edge of Cass County. There were nearly 10,000 people on the ground, coming from all the adjoining counties, some of them thirty and forty miles. Extra trains were run from Jacksonville and Chandlerville, while the wagons, carriages, and horses covered nearly a quarter section. Over the stand were hung a number of old-time implements, such as an old plow-share, broad-axe, hatchet, spling broom, and a half-bushel sewed together with raw-hide, etc. The choir sang "Coronation," "America," the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and, after reading a list of the dead that sleep in the valley, the vast concourse were addressed by the venerable Newton Cloud, who thirty-two years ago was elected to the Legislature, and has been a member of that body three or four times, and settled in Morgan County forty-six years ago. He was followed by Col. J. Morton, who ante-dates Mr. Cloud seven years.

After dinner, several younger men addressed the people, among them State-Auditor Lippincott. It was notably an orderly assemblage, the grandfathers and mothers, their sons and daughters, grand and great grandchildren, having come together for a day of pure enjoyment and pleasure.

Col. J. Morton was elected President of the Old Settlers' Society for the ensuing year, with a full complement of the other officers. The place of the next reunion will be between Franklin and Waverly.

Work of the Mixed English and American Commission.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Of the 497 cases presented for arbitration to the Mixed Commission, which is now sitting at Newport, only eighty-seven remain unsettled, and the Commission hope to finish these within the stipulated time. The greatest part of the work, and expense, too, is in the printing, the cost of which work, too, is advanced by the United States Government, the share of the British Government being determined quarterly and returned. The amount awarded upon each claim is to be taxed 5 per cent for expenses. When the cases are all decided, the gross sum which is to be paid will be stated. The duplicate journals and accounts will be delivered to the two Governments. The two Government printing offices in Newport, the one in London, and the one in New York, and the two in Washington devote all their spare time to this work. The bulk of the printing is being done in the last-named city, divided between the American and English houses. In one case, not yet finished, 6,000 printed pages have been furnished, and the briefs have not yet been put into type. The expenses of the Commission are to be paid when the labors of the Commission are finished.

County-Seat Removal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Aug. 14.—Judge Johnson having to-day dissolved his temporary injunction restraining the removal of the county-seat of Wayne County from Centreville to Richmond, twenty or thirty wagons went to Centreville and brought away the records and other public property. The Commissioners, accompanied by four car-loads of Richmond people, also went to Centreville by special train, but, as no demonstration was made to prevent the removal of the property, their presence was not required.

Death from Carelessness.

SANDUSKY, O., Aug. 14.—An accident occurred within one mile of town this afternoon about 4 o'clock, by which a young lady aged 14 years was killed. It seems that a small boy, while fooling with a shot-gun, pulled the trigger, and the contents lodged in the young lady's head, from the effects of which she died soon after.

A Vienna Bath.

Correspondence of the San Francisco Bulletin.

I have been testing a bath-house. I explored the establishment, asking every one I met "fur sein warmes bad." Some pointed in one direction and some in another. At last I found myself before the woman who sold the tickets. I paid fifty kreutzers. She called "Marie!" Marie, a bright, black-eyed German maiden, came. She went to a shelf and burdened herself with a quantity of linen. Then she signed for me to follow. I went in an expectant, wondering and rather anxious frame of mind. Marie went into a neatly-furnished bath-room. Marie spread a linen sheet in the tub. Marie than turns on the water. Marie waits for the tub to fill, and I wait for Marie to depart, that I may commence disrobing. Marie seems in no hurry. I ponder over the possibilities involved in a German warm bath. At last Marie leaves. Then I modestly remove my collar. Suddenly Marie returns. It is only to bring another towel. Great Scott! There is no lock on the door, and supposing I had been ——. I get into my bath in fear and trembling. These people are so queer in their ways. Marie may return with two or three of those great, strapping German women to scrub me. I know nothing of their bathing customs. Marie no longer disturbs me. On emerging I examine the pile of linen she has left. There is a small towel and two seemingly large aprons, long enough to reach from the shoulders to the heels. I can't imagine what they are for, unless to throw on and dry oneself in. I put them to such use. I would no use forty were they left, for I am resolved to have my 50 kreutzers' worth in some way. When I inquired the use of the two aprons, I discovered that they were to be worn while Marie came in, and, turning off the hot water, lets on the cold.

1867, Anderson's, 1873.

The Anderson Bros. have for the last six years been studying the wants of the Chicago public, and now have a model establishment in their new European Hotel on Madison street, between Clark and LaSalle streets. It contains 125 handsomely furnished rooms, at from $1 to $2 per day. If you want a good meal at a moderate price you will find them on hand to serve you from 6 a. m. to 9 p. m. The bill of fare contains everything that is obtainable from the East, West, North, or South, and their cooking cannot be excelled. Ladies' dining-room on parlor floor. Ladies in town shopping will find this a home-like and pleasant place to dine and rest.

Elmwood and Warwick.

The superiority of the stock used in making the Elmwood and Warwick collars, and the edges rolled all around, are the reasons why they are liked better than any other.

THE VAN BUREN CASE.

Synopsis of the Correspondence.

The correspondence accompanying the report of the Special Commission on the irregularities charged against Gen. Van Buren in connection with the American Department of the Vienna Exposition is quite extensive. Minister Jay to Secretary Fish acquaints him with the concessions for bars and restaurants. Corruption among "Confidential Assistant Commissioners." Letters purporting to emanate from Gen. Van Buren, really written, signature and all, by his assistant. A person in the Exposition Grounds heard to say, "I wish some Commissioners were coming that a man would not be ashamed to give his hand to." "The Commission a pool of corruption." Money paid to Gen. Mayer for the privilege of erecting restaurants, bars, etc. Evidence of mismanagement easily explained at Vienna. Telegrams, startling charges of corruption connected with bars. Case known in New York. Three thousand dollars paid by one firm for three bars and promised monopoly of Exhibition. Hitzel & Co. arrived with new grants for bars and restaurants. "Corruption and bad faith." Statement by Boehm and Wiehl, and Hitzel & Co., as to money paid Gen. Mayer. Contract for roofing the American Court, $30,000. Mr. James instructed by Van Buren to construct a machinery hall for $6,000. Mr. Wiehl declines to make volunteer statement as to money paid Gen. Mayer for bars and restaurants. As to monopoly of bars being given to Boehm and similar grants subsequently given to Hitzel Boehm said, "It's money." Hitzel said to James, "You get me a first-rate situation, and we will make it all right with you."

GEN. VAN BUREN AND FISH.

Secretary Fish wrote to Gen. Van Buren to withhold the authority for opening bars, restaurants, *etc.*, and to furnish to the Department the names of the parties to whom licenses for opening such places had been granted. Gen. Van Buren replied that permission had been given to Jewett and Hitzel. The disagreement between Jewett and Hitzel explained. Messrs. Boehme and Wiehl granted permission to erect building for sale of Armenian drinks. Gen. Van Buren reports all the facts, adding, "No one has paid this Commission for bars or anything else." He denounces as "foul and false" the accusations relative to bars and restaurants, reported by Mr. Jay.

Mr. Fish wrote to Gen. Van Buren, ordering the suspension of Gen. Mayer until he shall satisfy the Department of his innocence. The Secretary says he hopes the charges may be the result of jealousy and disappointment on the part of his accusers. Gen. Van Buren strongly opposed the suspension, saying Mayer's services are "simply invaluable, and his suspension now will work great harm." He, however, would obey instructions.

LATER.—Although Assistant-Secretary Sawyer was in close consultation several hours with Collector Arthur to-day, the latter denies receiving instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury to peremptorily discharge a large number of Customs Inspectors. An officer of customs, however, is reported as stating to-day that the report had some foundation, as recent large revenue cases had implicated a number of clerks in dishonest practices. A large number of custom-house brokers, merchants, and Government Inspectors were at the Custom-House to-day making anxious inquiries relative to the report.

Capt. Diddes, of the steamship Maas, says of his meeting at sea with Capt. Belberg, of the steamer Ernst Moritz Arndt: "I did not refuse to tow the Arndt because the offer of her Captain was too low, but he would not accept my proposition to tow him leaving the compensation to be settled by our respective companies upon our arrival at New York. He wanted me to state my figure, which I declined to do."

The funeral of the late George N. Sanders took place to-day from St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Eighteenth street, near Fifth avenue. The services were of the simplest character. The coffin was of rosewood, silver-mounted, bearing the inscription, "George N. Sanders, born Feb. 11, 1816. Died Aug. 12, 1873," and was covered with floral offerings. A number of distinguished persons from different parts of the country were present. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Chanberlain, Assistant Rector of St. Ann's. The pall-bearers were Algernon S. Sullivan, John E. Ward, John R. Garland, Beverly C. Sanders, Col. White, Gen. Jos. R. Anderson, Dr. Beard, and James M. Ball. The body was taken to Greenwood Cemetery for interment.

The Police Commissioners to-day adopted a resolution allowing the Legion of St. Patrick to parade with arms as well as Knights Templar, and will furnish a police escort.

The President of the Commissioners of Brooklyn has informed all Police-Captains of that city that they will be held responsible for the existence of policy-shops and faro banks in their precincts.

GEN. MAYER'S SUSPENSION.

Mr. Jay gives Mr. Fish an account of the interview between Gen. Mayer and Mr. Jay. Gen. Mayer wished to speak confidentially. Mr. Jay declined to receive confidential communications, but would hear anything official Gen. Mayer accepted the condition, and said he and Gen. Van Buren received each $500 from Hitzel for bars to contribute to the expenses of the Exposition. He stated he afterward returned his to Hitzel. Gen. Mayer was reluctant to let the Assistant Commissioner at Vienna share the "glory of the work." He asserted his entire innocence of all charges against him. He refused to surrender the books, papers, etc., of the Commission. Gen. Van Buren writes to Secretary Fish that Gen. Mayer's suspension was a "great wrong to a worthy man." He had implicit confidence in his integrity. The questions propounded by the Special Commission were "personally insulting in the highest degree." At first he was assured there were no charges against him, but was subsequently informed it would not be well to defend Gen. Mayer or make himself liable for his acts. The money was *borrowed* by Gen. Mayer for the expenses of the Commission. Gen. Van Buren replies to the charges against himself. Gen. Van Buren also sent an address to the President of the United States relating indignities to which he had been subjected. Messrs. Jay and McDonald write to Secretary Fish the evidence against Van Buren and Mayer demands their suspension; and they recommend the suspension of the whole Commission and the appointment of a temporary Commission, suggesting fit persons.

THE TEMPORARY COMMISSION, ETC.

Gen. Van Buren to Mr. Fish pronounces the "charges false and infamous," and says the Commission was "palsied and the work retarded by the Special Inquisition."

Mr. Fish informs Minister Schenck that the Assistant Commissioners had been suspended, and a temporary Commission appointed. The suspension was not to reflect on any particular Commissioner suspended. Gen. Van Buren writes to Mr. Fish that he has been "degraded, condemned, and punished without charge, trial, or proof," and he respectfully asks that he may be righted as publicly as he has been wronged. He says the Special Commission endeavor to convict him of "mismanagement," etc. He appeals from their decision, and explains the action of advisory committees. The temporary Commissioners were to receive the congratulations from the Austrian authorities for work which his hands and his means performed. He finds no parallel to his outrage in all history. His character having been libeled and destroyed, he hopes to "obtain the unbiased verdict of the great American people."

Mr. Fish to Mr. Jay says the Commissioners not implicated in irregularities are to be vindicated as soon as possible. The temporary Commission was expected to recommend the reappointment of former Commissioners not implicated. Justice demanded this. Gen. Van Buren must not be excluded from his position at the opening of the Exhibition, unless a responsible report is made giving the reasons therefor. Mr. Jay to Mr. Fish encloses the report of the Special Commission to the President, saying that Gen. Van Buren and one or more Assistant Commissioners are proved to have taken money from grantees of bars and restaurants. It is recommended the the Commission now suspended be not restored in whole or in part.

Gen. Van Buren to Mr. Fish, says: The exhibition is in confusion. "Great is Jay, and McElrath is his prophet." Spies and informers were employed to accomplish the suspension of the American Commission. Witnesses were tempted to make statements adverse to Gen. Van Buren. An agent of an American firm was solicited to make charges against him. Mr. Jay and other members of the temporary Commission were largely interested in one or more sewing-machines. Mr. Fish informs Mr. Jay that Jackie Schultz has been appointed Commissioner in place of Gen. Van Buren. Schultz accepts the appointment as Commissioner-in-Chief. Mr. Fish acknowledged the receipt of the letters sent him by Gen. Van Buren. The correspondence is voluminous, and touches on all the points involved in the management of the American Department. The last witness was examined on the 2d of July. Acting Secretary of State Davis, July 30, telegraphed Mr. Jay to close the Special Commission at once, if not already done. Future investigation may take place in Washington if necessary. Mr. Jay telegraphs to Mr. Davis, July 31: "Special Commission closed, *Iowa Dee*, with report July 5. Special report July 10, simply evidence taken previously."

Suicide of a Woman.

From the Atchison (Kan.) Champion.

Mrs. Martha Elliott, wife of John Elliott, of Geary City, and formerly a resident of Doniphan, just above our city, on Wednesday last, while her husband and family were absent from home, went to her husband's trunk, took from it a loaded revolver, placed the muzzle to her head and deliberately blew out her brains. From private information we learn that the unfortunate woman had been discovered in an intrigue with a married citizen of Doniphan. It appears that while the Doniphan citizen was absent from home the wife received a letter through the post-office for him, signed by Mrs. Elliott, and, woman-like, opened it. It was the first intimation she ever had of her husband's unfaithfulness, and she was almost overwhelmed with grief and mortification. Without delay she presented herself before Mrs. Elliott, and upbraided her with the cause of her husband's unfaithfulness. Mrs. Elliott did not attempt to refute it, and it is supposed by some that the dread of discovery, and the disgrace hanging thereon, in a moment of desperation she took her own life. She was found by her husband lying on the bed, the pistol in her hand, and it is supposed that the shot proved instantly fatal. She had written a letter to her brother-in-law, M. J. Landon, requesting that she be buried under a certain tree that she described, and asked that he take charge of her body.

THE SIOUX-PAWNEE FIGHT.

How It Is Explained by the Man in Charge of the Sioux.

OGALALLA SIOUX CAMP, }
WHITE MAN'S FORT, Aug. 5, 1873. }

To Col. Wadsworth, Commander of Fort Sidney, Neb.:

On the morning of the 2d of August six Ogalalla Sioux Indians came in from a scout and reported the Pawnees in camp on the Bee Fork of the Republican. The news created great excitement in camp, and the Sioux determined to go and fight them before they attacked our camp.

Little Wound came to me and asked if I had any orders to keep them from going to fight them. I told him I had none. He said he had orders not to go to their reservation or among the whites to fight them, but that he had no orders about this part of the country. I told him I would go with him and see the Pawnees, but he said it would be of no use, as the young men had determined to fight, and nothing could stop them. They said I prevented them from going to the Utes, and they came and stole their horses and killed one of their men.

They thought the same thing would occur if they did not strike the Pawnees first. They started on the 3d and were joined by the Brule Sioux from Mr. Estes' camp and proceeded to the camp of the Pawnees. On the 4th they came upon thirty lodges. They were just moving camp when the Sioux charged them. The Pawnees killed are variously estimated from 50 to 118, mostly women and children. The men were all absent, supposed to be out hunting. The Ogalallas took seven prisoners, three of whom were women, and four girls, aged from 2 to 10 years. The Indians who have the prisoners are Black Bear, Twin Billy, Mad Horse, Black Hawk, Grey Eyes' son-in-law, Flying Hawk and Little Blue Shield. A white man named Tom Williams had charge of the Pawnees. They fought bravely, but the Sioux outnumbered them, having five or six hundred braves. This report is as near as I can get from the Indians.

The Pawnees will know the exact number they lost. Black Bear has expressed his willingness to give up his prisoners if the Government desires it, and I think the others will undoubtedly do the same. Your obedient servant,

In Charge Southern Indians of Ogallala Tribe.

P. S.—We are now camped on White Man's Creek, 12 miles above the timber.

ANTOINE JAMES.

An Exciting Scene.

The inhabitants of the Boulevard Pereire, Paris, were witnesses, a day or two ago, of a chase of the most exciting character. A distinguished velocipede rider appears every day on the same road, and performs remarkable feats in the line of horsemanship. He had just become a skeleton, when cries of "Out of the way! Kill him; kill him!" resounded through the streets. The foot-passengers darted into the houses, closing the doors after them with a crash, and the velocipedist was left alone on the road, along which rushed an enormous dog, with staring coat, inflamed eyes, and jaws babbed in foam. The mastiff, which was evidently mad, perceiving the rider, and its unlucky rider, instantly bounded after it, and a cloud of dust soon concealed the details of the chase. The velocipedist whirled his machine round and round, taking as many turns as

MONEY AND COMMERCE

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Aug. 14.

New York exchange was weaker to-day, and sold at 25c to 50c per $1,000 premium.

Money is abundant yet in this market, but, as mentioned yesterday, lenders are discriminating to a greater extent than usual against a large class of chronic borrowers, whose daily business is to borrow from Peter to pay Paul, and from Paul to pay Peter. Prime commercial paper, at 60 days, is in demand, and in the open market would be readily taken at 8 or 9 per cent. The banks, however, maintain their rates to customers at 10 per cent discount, which really means 11 per cent per annum interest.

The amount of currency going to the country is small yet. There is some new wheat coming into this market, but it is evident from the lightness of the currency movement that there has been no extensive preparation for the immediate movement of the new crop.

The unusual activity in the demand for ocean freights at New York is indicative of large exports and a good demand for Western products. But the high freights on the ocean have, of course, the same effect on values of Western products as high railroad freights from the West to the sea-board. There is, however, this difference: that, while the railroads have a monopoly of the land-transportation, there is no monopoly on the sea except in so far as our own outrageous prohibitory laws in regard to the American ownership of vessels prevents American ship-owners from participating in the business, and to that extent prevents competition. The present high freights from New York to Liverpool will, however, probably draw vessels from foreign ports and eventually make a reduction in freights, which will result to the benefit of the producers in the West.

The present heavy exports of products from all the Atlantic ports make it more than probable that gold will decline largely this fall notwithstanding the persistent efforts of the bulls in Wall street. The time of year when a rise in the price of gold might be expected has passed. How much effect the payment of the $15,500,000 of the Geneva award will have on the gold market no one can tell but the members of the Syndicate can tell, because none but they know how much actual gold will be used in the transaction; but, even aside from the payment of this indemnity, which must make a large amount of sterling exchange to come on the market yet, the balance of foreign trade is in our favor, and will inevitably cause an important decline in the price of gold before the close of the year.

A REVOLUTION IN THE IRON TRADE

of Great Britain and the United States seems to be in progress. The latest British trade returns show an enormous falling off in the exports of every description of iron from that country to this. It appears that during the first six months of 1872, when the iron trade was in its usual condition, England exported to the United States 444,000 tons of all descriptions of iron. The great change since then is shown by the fact that for the first six months of 1873 the total amount of iron exported from Great Britain to the United States was only 228,000 tons. The cause of the decrease in our importations is partly the continued rise in the price of iron in England, and partly also to the competition of the iron-masters of the United States. The publication of the reports of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States—which correspond to the Trade Returns of Great Britain—is always so much behind time that we have no means of making a satisfactory comparison of the two official reports. The British Trade Returns just published bring the statistics down to June 30, while our own official statistics, just published for the preceding nine months, only bring the figures down to March 31. At this latter date the revolution in the iron trade had not become so apparent as it did in April, May, and June. But, from the Washington report to March 31, we find there were some important indications of the change in the first three months of this year as compared with the same time last year. Thus, the total imports of railroad iron into the United States in the first three months of 1872 were 129,138,906 pounds, while in the first three months of 1873 the total imports of railroad iron were only 86,883,515 pounds, a falling off of one-third. This falling off was, however, made up, to a considerable extent, by an increase of importations of steel rails, of which there were only 40,669,060 pounds imported in the first three months of 1872, against 68,014,048 pounds in the first three months of 1873. There was also an increase of 3,000,000 pounds of bar iron, and 4,000,000 pounds of pig-iron, in the importations of the first three months of 1873 as compared with the same period of 1872. It appears, therefore, that the great change in the iron trade shown by the British Trade Returns has been made mainly in the last three months. The British official report shows that for the half year the decrease of exportations from that country to this includes all descriptions of iron, viz.: pig, bar, railroad, rod, and wire, and also all descriptions of steel. One of the causes of the immense falling off in our imports of railroad iron is unquestionably the decline of the fever of railroad-building in the United States,—in fact it was the mania to build railroads in this country during 1870, '71, and '72 that induced the great imports of railroad and other descriptions of iron in those years. This was also what stimulated all other manufactures of iron in this country to an extent that has since made them such important competitors of English manufacturers. Under the unusual demand for all descriptions of iron-work during 1871 and 1872 manufacturers in this country were induced to build extensive works, which they are obliged to keep running, because, if they stop, the machinery and buildings become unsalable, and soon depreciate very largely in value. The railroad-mania has left us this legacy; that it obliges the iron manufacturers of this country to come more into competition with those of Great Britain for the supply of demands for other kinds of iron-work, or else shut up shop.

A change of the magnitude indicated by the British Trade Returns must eventually have an important effect on commercial affairs in Great Britain, and it is not improbable that the recent falling off in the British revenue may be indirectly attributable to the troubles in the iron trade. The change in the trade is too recent to foresee its whole effects yet. It may, however, be safely assumed that they will not be favorable to the general commercial prosperity of Great Britain.

LOCAL STOCK AND BOND MARKET.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean quote as follows this afternoon:

	Buying.	Selling.
8-30s of '69		116¾
8-30s of '64	116¾	117
8-30s of '65	118¼	118¾
8-30s of '65, Jan. and July	118¼	118¾
5-30s of '67, Jan. and July	118¼	119
5-30s of '68, Jan. and July	117¾	117¾
10-40s	114¾	115
U. S. 7s (new issue)	113¼	114
Gold (full weight)	114¼	114¾
Gold Coupons	114¼	114¾
Gold Exchange		114¾
Sterling Exchange, 60 days	109 @109¼	
Northern Pacific Gold 7-30s	100 & int.	
Chicago City 7s	100	& int.
Cook County 7s	100	& int.
Illinois County and Township 10s		95@98

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record on Thursday, Aug. 14:

Twenty-first st, fourth lot s of Lincoln st, n f, 25x123½ ft, July 9; consideration, $550.

Randolph st, 80 ft w of Fifth av, n f, 80x180 ft, dated Aug. 6, Sarah Gale to Enos Slosson; consideration, $80,000.

Talman st, s of Fullon st, w f, 24½x109 ft, dated Aug. 13; consideration, $1,000.

North av, e of McHenry st, s f, w ½ of Lot 12, dated Aug. 9; consideration, $1,300.

Wallace st, s of Twenty-sixth st, e f, Lot 15, dated July 21; consideration, $1,050.

Michigan av, s of Sixteenth st, e f, 22½ ft to alley, dated Aug. 8; consideration, $11,250.

Wabash av, 200 ft s of Thirty-fourth st, w f, 25x176 ft, dated Aug. 8; consideration, $3,500.

Rusll st, bet Monroe st and Chicago av, e f, Lot 36, dated Jan. 7; consideration, $900.

North av, bet Western av and Davis st, s f, Lot 47, dated June 13; consideration, $4,000.

Wabash av, 32 4-5 ft n of Thirty-second st, w f, 38 4-5x124¾ ft, with building, Aug. 13; consideration, $15,000.

Ohio st, 50 ft w of Dearborn st, s f, 40x109 ft, dated July 28; consideration, $8,000.

Park av, bet Pege and Wood sts, n f, 21 3-5 ft to alley, dated Aug. 7; consideration, $13,000.

Ray st, 3d lot w of Calumet av, n f, dated Aug. 13; consideration, $3,000.

Michigan av, 199 ft s of Thirty-second st, w f, 25x124 ft, dated July 31; consideration, $6,000.

Church st, bet Wisconsin and Menominee sts, w f, lot 37, dated July 16; consideration, $825.

Hoyne st, bet Jackson and Van Buren sts, e f, part of Lots 30 and 31, July 1; consideration, $4,500.

POWERS OF CITY LENDERS.

Lot 28, Block 8, Baxter's Subdivision, s w ¼ s e ¼ Sec 30, 39, 14, July 29; consideration, $475.

Lot 24, Block 6, same subdivision, July 29; consideration, $400.

Lots 11 and 12, in n ½ of Block 15, o ½ Sec 29, 40, 14, Aug. 12; consideration, $1,800.

Lots 7 and 8, Block 3, Ravenswood, Aug. 13; consideration, $1,200.

WEST OF CITY LIMITS.

Lot 741, of White and Cole's Subdivision of Block 1, of Stowe's Subdivision, part n e ¼ Sec 24, 40, 13, Aug. 1; consideration, $1,200.

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, Aug. 14.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1873.	1872.	1873.	1872.
Flour, brls	4,647	4,513	8,344	2,609
Wheat, bu	68,340	65,060	2,402	25,634
Corn, bu	220,305	261,960	273,825	240,676
Oats, bu	50,951	42,950	20,734	21,554
Rye, bu	5,470	5,387	391	
Barley, bu	1,925	1,289	840	1,545
Grass seed, lbs	204,165	52,165		40,573
Flax seed, lbs	122,280	264,780		1,500
Broom-corn, lbs		16,090	21,950	45,940
Cured meats, lbs	7,640	20,880	412,253	146,764
Beef, brls			130	145
Pork, brls	50		190	10
Lard, lbs	5,620	6,330	108,220	45,020
Tallow, lbs	14,450	7,400	28,580	40,000
Butter, lbs	90,185	82,995		21,450
Live hogs, No	9,351	9,397	6,940	7,888
Cattle, No	2,300	2,392	2,585	1,442
Sheep, No	797	1,119	1,000	182
Hides, lbs	78,600	29,078	30,130	62,124
Highwines, brls	50	283	122	430
Wool, lbs	94,491	83,838	287,526	126,961
Potatoes, bu	1,000	1,000	81	36
Lumber, m feet	6,494	3,166	2,489	2,116
Shingles, m	1,506	840	1,664	2,800
Lath, m	755	100	340	250
Salt, brls	9,470	6,800	1,630	1,220

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 1,736 bu wheat, 7,876 bu corn, 1,823 bu oats, 747 bu rye, 388 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning, up to 10 o'clock: 211 cars wheat; 497 cars corn; 12,200 bu No. 1 do, and 12,200 bu No. 2 do, by canal; 54 cars oats; 12¼ cars rye; 2½ cars barley. Total (777 cars) 532,000 bu.

The schr A. B. Moore, loading with corn at Central Elevator A, was visited yesterday afternoon by a company of admirers, who, over a fine set-out of champagne, recited to each other their ideas of the beautiful, and their respect for W. T. Baker & Co., who send out in her the largest cargo of corn ever shipped from this port,—being 55,000 bu of high mixed. The vessel is one of the finest that sails on the lakes; this is her second trip. She goes to Buffalo.

The leading produce markets were active and higher to-day, all round, except in provisions. There seemed to be a general burst of confidence in breadstuffs, for which it was hard to account, otherwise than on the general principle that confidence, like the small-pox, is "catching." The trading was principally speculative, the demand for shipment being much less than usual, and the markets were very steady, considering the excitement that characterized most of the grain markets.

There was no particular activity in any department of the Corn pods market, but in comparison with last week pretty general improvement is noticeable, and the market now presents a firm, healthy tone. The situation of the grocery market was essentially unchanged. Sugars were being held with slightly increased firmness, owing to a reported advance at the East; but nominally they were the same as during the preceding days of the week. Coffees continue unsettled, but were without further advance. Other goods in the list comparatively were steady. In the butter and cheese market only a moderate aggregate of sales was accomplished. There was no change in prices. The fish trade was quiet as former quotations. Dried fruits continue active and generally firm, prunes being the only exception. Raisins are still working upward, and some other lines are tending in the same direction. Hay was dull. Hides and leather remain firm. The oil trade ruled quiet and steady, except for carbon and turpentine, the former of which was unsettled and lower, while the latter advanced 2c. Bagging, coal, and wood were firm.

Lumber was moderately active at unchanged prices. Building materials meet with a fair inquiry at unaltered quotations. Metals, iron, naval stores, and cooperage remain quiet. The metals are steadily but generally quoted firm. Coopers' stock is rather weak. Coopers' stock, at least tight staves, is scarce and firm. Hops and broom-corn are without new features. Wool is fairly active. Tub washed, extra and medium, is quoted at 45@48c, while reassorted lots of a superior quality have been sold at 50c. Timothy seed was again active; and, owing to a falling off in the receipts, the market was steadier than for several days past. Sales of prime to choice were made at $2.90@8.00. Other seeds were inactive and nominal. Green fruits were in fair request on local account, and prices were unchanged except for peas and blackberries, which were easier. Potatoes and other vegetables were plenty. The former continued dull. Poultry was slow of sale, prices being weak and in the buyers' favor. Eggs declined, under larger offerings.

Lake freights were dull and steady at the recent decline, the number of vessels chartered being slightly larger than yesterday. Rates were quoted at 4½c for corn to Buffalo by all, that is to do being nominal at 4¾@5c. Wheat to Kingston was taken at 11½c. Corn to New England points, on through rates, was quoted at 23c via Buffalo, Sarnia, or Goderich, and 25c via Ogdensburgh. A total of 11 charters was reported, which will carry out 68,000 bu wheat and 240,000 bu corn.

Highwines were quiet, but a shade firmer at the improved quotation of yesterday, there being a fair demand at 91c per gallon, all through the session, but very little offering. Sales were limited to 150 brls at 91c. New York was quoted firmer, which caused our local holders to be careless about selling, and some held for an advance.

Provisions were very quiet. Mess pork was dull and a shade easier, with a little inquiry for special brands, and none offering. Lard was quiet, but firmer, being held strongly at yesterday's outside figures, in sympathy with a reported advance in Liverpool. We note that summer lard is much nearer to the price of winter than usual, being now barely ½c below it, while the difference is generally ½@¾c per lb. Meats were neglected, but firmly held, as the stocks are light. The reported decline in hogs this morning had no effect upon the market for products. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller August, $15.95@16.00; do seller September, $15.95@16.00; do seller October, $15.10@15.25; do seller December, $12.90@13.00; lard, cash or seller August, $7.87½@8.00; do seller September, $8.00@8.12½; summer do, 7¾@7¾c. Sweet pickled hams quoted at 10@12c. Dry salted meats steady at 7¾@8c for shoulders; 9¾@9¾c for short ribs; and 9¼@9½c for short clear. Boxed shoulders, 8¾@8¾c; English meats, 9¾@10c for short ribs; 10c for short clear. Summer-cured meats quotable at 1c below these prices. Bacon is quoted at 8¾c for shoulders; 10¼c for clear ribs; 10½c for short clear; and 14@15½c for hams, all packed. Mess beef, $8.75@9.00; extra mess do, $9.75@10.00; beef hams, $24.00@25.00. City tallow 7¾@7¾c; grease quotable at 4¾@6¼c. Sales were reported of 250 brls mess pork at $16.00; 300 tcs summer lard at 7¾c; 300 tcs do at 7¾c; 15 boxes summer cured shoulders at 7¾c; 6,000 lbs bacon hams, canvased and packed, at 13¾c.

Flour was quiet and strong. There was a moderate demand for the better qualities of spring extras, and some for superfines, but few lots were offered, and other descriptions were not wanted. Shippers were not very anxious to take hold, though New York was strong, and the demand for wheat was better, both here and in Milwaukie. Bran was quiet and steady. Sales were reported of 50 brls white winter extras on private terms; 100 brls spring extras at $6.50; 200 brls do at $6.00; 100 brls do at $5.87½c; 99 brls do at $5.85; 100 brls do at $5.25; 600 brls do on private terms; 130 brls superfines at $3.50. Total, 1,378 brls. Also 10 tons bran, on through car, at $10.00; 30 tons at $9.50 on track. The following was the closing range of prices:

Fair to choice white winter extras	$ 6.75@ 7.00
Red winter extras	6.75@ 7.00
Good to choice spring extras	6.00@ 6.50
Low to medium	4.50@ 6.00
Minnesota (patents)	7.00@10.00
Good to fancy Minnesota	6.00@ 7.75
Spring superfines	2.00@ 4.50
Rye flour	4.00@ 4.30
Bran	9.00@10.00

Wheat was active and irregular. Options were 1c higher, and the lower grades advanced about 2c per bu, while the speculative grade (No. 2) was 1c lower for cash, though the shipping demand was good, and wheat was reported as selling at $1.27½@1.28 in Milwaukee. The reason for the last named fact (here was the apparent junction of three buyers or shippers, who grew tired of holding when up so high by competition, and agreed to pace their business in the hands of one man, and divide his purchases. By this means they were able to control the market. Advices of greater strength in Liverpool, and firmer holders in New York, with a moderate export demand at the seaboard, together with rain of an August corner, [illegible] this morning, and they rapidly bid up the market, buying in liberally at corner, but even at these prices, with dry goods, groceries, and all the necessaries of life at correspondingly low prices, and, even lower, the day and the times are not so very bad. When prices of these necessaries of life fall the farmer loses what they rewarded on every hand. If the rates were what they should be, wheat would bring over a dollar, quite at least 25 cents, and corn 30c. And when these prices can be had, farming in Iowa will be the best and the most paying business in the State. For such prices would afford liberal profit, and as Iowa crops never fail there is no risk to take.

LATER.

In the afternoon wheat was in moderate speculative demand, closing ¾c lower than on 'Change. No. 2 spring sold at $1.18¾@1.19 seller the month, and $1.12¾@1.12¾ seller September, both options closing at the inside. Corn was active, and closed easier, selling at 40@40¼c seller the month and 39¾@40¾c seller September, both closing at 40c. Barley was lower; 10,000 bu was sold at $101 seller September. Other grain, provisions, and lake freights were quiet.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

THURSDAY EVENING, Aug. 14.

ALCOHOL—Was more active and firm at $1.83@1.87 for 95 per cent proof.

BEANS—Were quiet and unchanged. We continue to quote: Prime navies, $2.50@2.60; prime medium, $2.30@2.40; common to fair, $1.20@2.20.

BUTTER—There was a moderate activity in the demand for this staple, but the chief inquiry, as heretofore, was for good to choice qualities suitable for the table. Such being in light supply, were held with some appearance of firmness, but other descriptions still show signs of weakness, holders being anxious to reduce their stocks. Sales were reported at the following ranges: Strictly choice yellow, 20@24c; medium to good, 15@18c; inferior to common, 12@14c.

BAGGING—No further change was visible in this market. Grain bags are still meeting with a large demand and bid fair to undergo a further advance, as the supply is light at the mills, as well as in the hands of jobbers, and prices are relatively low. Burlaps are in fair request and are steady, as are also gunnies. We quote: Stark A, 33¼c; Ludlow A, 35c; Lewiston A, 34; American A, 31½c; Amoskeag A, 31½c; Otter Creek, 29c; barley bags 4 and 6 bu, 15@16c; gunnies, single, 17@18c; do double, 28c; wool sacks, 65@66c.

BROOM-CORN—The market was moderately active at unchanged prices. We quote: No. 1 hurl, 6¼@6½c; No. 1 stock, brush, 4¼@4¾c; No. 2 do, 3¾@3½c; No. 3 do, 4¼@5c; inside green, 5@6c; pale and red, 3¼@3½c. Sales include 1 car and 2 bales common at 3½c; 5 bales fair at 4½c; 10 bales 4½c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Continue to meet with a fair inquiry, prices ruling tolerably steady for most materials. We repeat: Stucco, $2.50; New York stucco, casting, $1.50@4.00; Portland cement, $7.50 @8.00 per brl; Rosendale cement, $3.25@3.50; Utica, Louisville, and Akron cement, $2.00 @ brl; marble dust, $3.00; lime in bulk, 90c@$1.00; lime (brls), $1.10@1.20 per brl; white sand, @ brl; $2.00 @ 7.00; pressed brick, $14.00@18.00; sewer brick, $8.00 @16.00; Milwaukie, pressed, $20.00@25.00; do common, $14.00; Racine pressed, $25.00@30.00, del; do common (selected) $15.00@16.00; Indiana pressed, $18.00@21.00; do common, $10.00@15.00; fire clay, per brl, $3.00@4.00.

CHEESE—The changes in this market were unimportant. The decline of ¼c at the East tends to induce an easier feeling here, but, as stocks in the West are very moderate, a feeling of confidence prevails that all reasonable goods are held with a fair degree of firmness. Trade continues satisfactory. We quote: New York factory, 12¼@13¼c; Ohio factory, 11¾@ 12¼c; Western factory, 11¾@13¼c.

COAL—Prices range the same as for a fortnight past, where they are exceedingly firm, as the demand is quite unusual for the latter grades of bituminous coals are concerned. Business continues active at all the principal yards. We quote: Lehigh, $10.50; Lackawanna, $9.50; Briar Hill, $8.50; Blossburg, $8.50; Blossburg lump, $8.50; Hocking Valley, $8.00; Cannel, $10.00; Indiana Block, $8.00; Kirkland Grass, $8.50; Cherry Mine, $9.00; Minonk, $8.00; Wellington, $8.00.

COOPERAGE—Was quiet as usual. We continue to quote: Pork barrels, $1.30@1.40; lard tierces, $1.60 @1.70; whisky barrels, $1.90@2.10; flour barrels, 46@47c; perk staves, rough, $22.00@24.00; do, bucked, $31.00@34.00; flour staves, rough, $26.00@28.00; do bucked, $35.00; flour staves, $9.00@10.00; circle flour heading, 7½@9½c per set; flour hoop poles, $30.00@35.00 per m.

EGGS—The receipts continue liberal, and consequently the market is weak and prices lower. Sales of good to choice packed were reported at 13½@13¾c. A shipping case lot, containing 144 for guaranteed package, sold at 17½@27½c, closing at 27½@27½c. Cash sales were reported of 2,400 bu No. 2 at 27½c; 1,800 bu do at 27½c; 50,000 bu do at 27½c; 2,400 bu rejected at 26½c; 9,600 bu do at 25½c; 600 bu by sample at 28½c; 600 bu do at 31½c; 1,200 bu do at 31c; 400 bu do at 30½c; 1,200 bu do at 30c. Total, 69,200 bu.

Rye was quiet but strong, the important advance of 5c per bu being effected, at which all the offerings were taken. Sales were reported of 5,600 bu No. 2 at 65c. The market closed firm, with some shipping orders yet unfilled. Seller the month was inactive at 62c bid, and 61c was bid for September delivery. The crop of rye is fully two-thirds less than last year, and some orders have been waiting here for several days past without being filled, owing to the sparseness of the offerings.

Barley was excited, and higher. The chief interest centered on new No. 2 seller September, as usual, which advanced 6c per bu, opening with 95c bid, and closing at 101c, the outside of $1.02, closing at $1.02@1.02½. Seller October was also in good demand, selling at $1.02½@ 1.03½; and seller the year sold at $1.02. Options sales aggregated 90,000 bu. No. 3 was also in good demand, the effect of the recently adopted rules of inspection being to elevate No. 3 very nearly to the former standard of No. 2, and make the latter a very scarce article. It is somewhat remarkable that country sellers have carefully held aloof from the market hitherto, as if they expected still higher prices. They have probably been deterred by the fear that under the new rules there will be so little No. 2 that it will be a fancy article. If there should be a demand for No. 3, as appears indicated to-day, the fact will undoubtedly bring out sellers. Cash sales were reported to-day of 1,200 bu new No. 3 at 81c; 400 bu rejected at 60c; 2,000 bu by sample to arrive at 81.15; and 2,000 bu do at 81.10. Total, 5,600 bu. It was rumored that settlements of seller the month were made at $1.10.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

The following is Beerbohm's dispatch to the Board of Trade to-day:

AUG. 14.—LONDON—Floating cargoes of wheat on coast a shade dearer; good No. 2 spring, 57s; fair average spring for shipment in two months, 56s 6d; California wheat on passage, 59s@60s 6d. Cargoes of wheat on passage slightly larger than last week. Floating cargoes of corn off coast firm; American mixed on passage, 29s 6d; do for shipment in two months, 29s 6d @29s. Cargoes of corn on passage slightly less than last week. Weather in England fine. LIVERPOOL—Wheat firm; California, 12s 1d@12s 10d. Corn quiet. Lard, 39s. LONDON—Lard, 39s 6d.

BRITISH CROP PROSPECTS.

The *Mark Lane Express*, of July 28, says:

After three weeks of fair harvest weather the last week brought with it several days of tropical heat quite beyond this season's anticipation, and the crops have consequently been forced on apace, and many forward pieces of spring corn have already been cut. The hay harvest, often threatened, may now be considered as safely gathered, with the crop about an average; and potatoes, which once were in danger of disease from the heavy rains, are favorably reported. Some have feared blight for the later parcels of wheat from the excessive heat; but with so much moisture in the ground we think there is little reason to fear. No doubt, it has been a great and general benefit. They have been very busy in France, where, the old corn being exhausted, there has been no decline; but nothing beyond an average yield is expected there in wheat, with a poor return of rye, but plenty of oats and barley. Talavera wheat will shortly be cut in England, and forward pieces of the ordinary sort soon follow, and, though no abundance is expected, there is little doubt as to the quality. Prices have kept very steady in the country markets, many being almost bare, and whatever be the character of the new wheat, every peck of old foreign will be wanted when mixing; and this circumstance, even with fine weather, must prevent a heavy decline. Labor has been so scarce in France that farmers have been obliged to seek aid from the military for reaping; and from all parts of the empire of the crops may, on this score, occasion some difficulty; but as the hay-fields are pretty well cleared, many hands will be set at liberty for other purposes. All Europe has felt the beneficial change, though the extra heat has brought some local storms, and the lateness of the season has been materially lessened. Prices generally have remained much as previously, and, though flour has declined 1s per brl in New York, it has shown firm. From California accounts have been very cheerful as to the productiveness and quality of this year's produce, and, with much old still in hand, some have calculated that, despite the drought, the season will smooth to about 2,000,000 quarters alone. If so, any deficiency here in France or other parts of Europe may thus be made up, and keep prices at about their present level.

THE CROPS IN IOWA.

The *Iowa State Register* says:

We publish, this week, extracts from the press of Iowa in report of the progress and yield of the new wheat and oat crop, and the general condition and prospect of the other crops. We consider these reports much more satisfactory and altogether more reliable than the statements gathered up in one day, and in a careless way from the telegraph operators at different stations. The press generally gets its information from the farmer direct, and from the personal visits of its editors to the harvest fields. We think therefore, to give the reports of the press as brought by mail from the farm, rather than by telegraph the opinions of editors, rather than telegraph operators in towns. The papers from which we gather were all issued between the 6th and 11th of this month.

The reader will see from these reports that the harvest is a bountiful one; that the new wheat is generally of heavy yield, good quality, and heavy weight; that the oats crop is good, and that the corn crop needed only rain to make it an immense one. In the last three or four days, particularly in the last day or two, nearly every locality in the State has been visited by rain, so that the fears of drouth are removed and the success of the corn crop assured.

The new wheat is finding its way into market rapidly. Eastern and Western dealers unite in pronouncing it the best grain Iowa has had for several years, while the yield per acre is fully equal to and perhaps above the average. The best oats are also coming forward, and finding a quick market. The price for wheat, nearly 90 cents on an average, is not a low one, and oats go at 20 cents—a price which makes the latter crop, averaging fifty and sixty bushels to the acre, profitable. Times are still hard, of course, but even at these prices, with dry goods, groceries, and all the necessaries of life at correspondingly low prices, and, even lower, the day and the times are not so very bad. When prices of these necessaries of life fall the farmer loses what they rewarded on every hand. If the rates were what they should be, wheat would bring over a dollar, quite at least 25 cents, and corn 30c. And when these prices can be had, farming in Iowa will be the best and the most paying business in the State. For such prices would afford liberal profit, and as Iowa crops never fail there is no risk to take.

LATER.

In the afternoon wheat was in moderate speculative demand, closing ¾c lower than on 'Change. No. 2 spring sold at $1.18¾@1.19 seller the month, and $1.12¾@1.12¾ seller September, both options closing at the inside. Corn was active, and closed easier, selling at 40@40¼c seller the month and 39¾@40¾c seller September, both closing at 40c. Barley was lower; 10,000 bu was sold at $101 seller September. Other grain, provisions, and lake freights were quiet.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

THURSDAY EVENING, Aug. 14.

ALCOHOL—Was more active and firm at $1.83@1.87 for 95 per cent proof.

BEANS—Were quiet and unchanged. We continue to quote: Prime navies, $2.50@2.60; prime medium, $2.30@2.40; common to fair, $1.20@2.20.

BUTTER—There was a moderate activity in the demand for this staple, but the chief inquiry, as heretofore, was for good to choice qualities suitable for the table. Such being in light supply, were held with some appearance of firmness, but other descriptions still show signs of weakness, holders being anxious to reduce their stocks. Sales were reported at the following ranges: Strictly choice yellow, 20@24c; medium to good, 15@18c; inferior to common, 12@14c.

BAGGING—No further change was visible in this market. Grain bags are still meeting with a large demand and bid fair to undergo a further advance, as the supply is light at the mills, as well as in the hands of jobbers, and prices are relatively low. Burlaps are in fair request and are steady, as are also gunnies. We quote: Stark A, 33¼c; Ludlow A, 35c; Lewiston A, 34; American A, 31½c; Amoskeag A, 31½c; Otter Creek, 29c; barley bags 4 and 6 bu, 15@16c; gunnies, single, 17@18c; do double, 28c; wool sacks, 65@66c.

BROOM-CORN—The market was moderately active at unchanged prices. We quote: No. 1 hurl, 6¼@6½c; No. 1 stock, brush, 4¼@4¾c; No. 2 do, 3¾@3½c; No. 3 do, 4¼@5c; inside green, 5@6c; pale and red, 3¼@3½c. Sales include 1 car and 2 bales common at 3½c; 5 bales fair at 4½c; 10 bales 4½c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—Continue to meet with a fair inquiry, prices ruling tolerably steady for most materials. We repeat: Stucco, $2.50; New York stucco, casting, $1.50@4.00; Portland cement, $7.50 @8.00 per brl; Rosendale cement, $3.25@3.50; Utica, Louisville, and Akron cement, $2.00 @ brl; marble dust, $3.00; lime in bulk, 90c@$1.00; lime (brls), $1.10@1.20 per brl; white sand, @ brl; $2.00 @ 7.00; pressed brick, $14.00@18.00; sewer brick, $8.00 @16.00; Milwaukie, pressed, $20.00@25.00; do common, $14.00; Racine pressed, $25.00@30.00, del; do common (selected) $15.00@16.00; Indiana pressed, $18.00@21.00; do common, $10.00@15.00; fire clay, per brl, $3.00@4.00.

CHEESE—The changes in this market were unimportant. The decline of ¼c at the East tends to induce an easier feeling here, but, as stocks in the West are very moderate, a feeling of confidence prevails that all reasonable goods are held with a fair degree of firmness. Trade continues satisfactory. We quote: New York factory, 12¼@13¼c; Ohio factory, 11¾@ 12¼c; Western factory, 11¾@13¼c.

COAL—Prices range the same as for a fortnight past, where they are exceedingly firm, as the demand is quite unusual for the latter grades of bituminous coals are concerned. Business continues active at all the principal yards. We quote: Lehigh, $10.50; Lackawanna, $9.50; Briar Hill, $8.50; Blossburg, $8.50; Blossburg lump, $8.50; Hocking Valley, $8.00; Cannel, $10.00; Indiana Block, $8.00; Kirkland Grass, $8.50; Cherry Mine, $9.00; Minonk, $8.00; Wellington, $8.00.

COOPERAGE—Was quiet as usual. We continue to quote: Pork barrels, $1.30@1.40; lard tierces, $1.60 @1.70; whisky barrels, $1.90@2.10; flour barrels, 46@47c; perk staves, rough, $22.00@24.00; do, bucked, $31.00@34.00; flour staves, rough, $26.00@28.00; do bucked, $35.00; flour staves, $9.00@10.00; circle flour heading, 7½@9½c per set; flour hoop poles, $30.00@35.00 per m.

EGGS—The receipts continue liberal, and consequently the market is weak and prices lower. Sales of good to choice packed were reported at 13½@13¾c. A shipping case lot, containing 144 for guaranteed package, sold at 17½@27½c, closing at 27½@27½c. Cash sales were reported of 2,400 bu No. 2 at 27½c; 1,800 bu do at 27½c; 50,000 bu do at 27½c; 2,400 bu rejected at 26½c; 9,600 bu do at 25½c; 600 bu by sample at 28½c; 600 bu do at 31½c; 1,200 bu do at 31c; 400 bu do at 30½c; 1,200 bu do at 30c. Total, 69,200 bu.

Rye was quiet but strong, the important advance of 5c per bu being effected, at which all the offerings were taken. Sales were reported of 5,600 bu No. 2 at 65c. The market closed firm, with some shipping orders yet unfilled. Seller the month was inactive at 62c bid, and 61c was bid for September delivery. The crop of rye is fully two-thirds less than last year, and some orders have been waiting here for several days past without being filled, owing to the sparseness of the offerings.

Barley was excited, and higher. The chief interest centered on new No. 2 seller September, as usual, which advanced 6c per bu, opening with 95c bid, and closing at 101c, the outside of $1.02, closing at $1.02@1.02½. Seller October was also in good demand, selling at $1.02½@ 1.03½; and seller the year sold at $1.02. Options sales aggregated 90,000 bu. No. 3 was also in good demand, the effect of the recently adopted rules of inspection being to elevate No. 3 very nearly to the former standard of No. 2, and make the latter a very scarce article. It is somewhat remarkable that country sellers have carefully held aloof from the market hitherto, as if they expected still higher prices. They have probably been deterred by the fear that under the new rules there will be so little No. 2 that it will be a fancy article. If there should be a demand for No. 3, as appears indicated to-day, the fact will undoubtedly bring out sellers. Cash sales were reported to-day of 1,200 bu new No. 3 at 81c; 400 bu rejected at 60c; 2,000 bu by sample to arrive at $1.15; and 2,000 bu do at $1.10. Total, 5,600 bu. It was rumored that settlements of seller the month were made at $1.10.

EUROPEAN MARKETS.

The following is Beerbohm's dispatch to the Board of Trade to-day:

AUG. 14.—LONDON—Floating cargoes of wheat off coast a shade dearer; good No. 2 spring, 57s; fair average spring for shipment in two months, 56s 6d; California wheat on passage, 59s@60s 6d. Cargoes of wheat on passage slightly larger than last week. Floating cargoes of corn off coast firm; American mixed on passage, 29s 6d; do for shipment in two months, 29s 6d @29s. Cargoes of corn on passage slightly less than last week. Weather in England fine. LIVERPOOL—Wheat firm; California, 12s 1d@12s 10d. Corn quiet. Lard, 39s. LONDON—Lard, 39s 6d.

BRITISH CROP PROSPECTS.

The *Mark Lane Express*, of July 28, says:

After three weeks of fair harvest weather the last week brought with it several days of tropical heat quite beyond this season's anticipation, and the crops have consequently been forced on apace, and many forward pieces of spring corn have already been cut. The hay harvest, often threatened, may now be considered as safely gathered, with the crop about an average; and potatoes, which once were in danger of disease from the heavy rains, are favorably reported. Some have feared blight for the later parcels of wheat from the excessive heat; but with so much moisture in the ground we think there is little reason to fear. No doubt, it has been a great and general benefit. They have been very busy in France, where, the old corn being exhausted, there has been no decline; but nothing beyond an average yield is expected there in wheat, with a poor return of rye, but plenty of oats and barley. Talavera wheat will shortly be cut in England, and forward pieces of the ordinary sort soon follow, and, though no abundance is expected, there is little doubt as to the quality. Prices have kept very steady in the country markets, many being almost bare, and whatever be the character of the new wheat, every peck of old foreign will be wanted when mixing; and this circumstance, even with fine weather, must prevent a heavy decline. Labor has been so scarce in France that farmers have been obliged to seek aid from the military for reaping; and from all parts of the empire of the crops may, on this score, occasion some difficulty; but as the hay-fields are pretty well cleared, many hands will be set at liberty for other purposes. All Europe has felt the beneficial change, though the extra heat has brought some local storms, and the lateness of the season has been materially lessened. Prices generally have remained much as previously, and, though flour has declined 1s per brl in New York, it has shown firm. From California accounts have been very cheerful as to the productiveness and quality of this year's produce, and, with much old still in hand, some have calculated that, despite the drought, the season will smooth to about 2,000,000 quarters alone. If so, any deficiency here in France or other parts of Europe may thus be made up, and keep prices at about their present level.

THE CROPS IN IOWA.

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SAFETY FILM

BROTHERS DISAGREE.

Brothers Fire Several Shots at Each Other.

One Wounded and a Shot Thrust Through the Hand.

Both Parties Arrested and Locked Up.

Last night, at 11 o'clock, Robert and William Bourne, brothers, residing on the corner of Twelfth street and Loomis street, were arrested by Officer Hall, of the West Twelfth street police station, and locked up in the station-house. The arrest was made on the complaint of Robert Bourne, who charged his brother with having shot him in the hand with a revolver. The wound was dressed by Dr. Hall, and the prisoner was released on bail. This morning, when the case was called in the Police Court, Robert Bourne stated that he had been living with his brother William for about a month, and that they had been drinking quite freely for several days. Last night they had a quarrel, and William struck him with a chair. Robert then ran out of the house, and his brother followed him, and fired several shots at him. One of the balls struck him in the hand, and he then ran into a saloon, where he was arrested. He had not fired any shots at his brother, and had no revolver. William Bourne stated that his brother had been drinking quite freely for several days, and that last night he struck him with a chair. He

THE EASTERN FLOODS.

Additional Accounts of Damage to Railroad and Other Property.

Considerable Injury to Shipping in New York Harbor.

Men and Animals Carried Away by the Flood and Drowned.

A Fall of Seven Inches of Water in Twelve Hours.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The storm continues, accompanied by a light rain. Last night in the crowded cellars, in the older part of the city, the poor had to battle with rats driven from the sewers by the rising flood, and their wretched beds were surrounded by water. There has not been any serious derangement of the mails, with the exception of the through Southern mail. All that were due yesterday and this morning are received.

The New York yacht squadron, on their naval cruise, was obliged to run for shelter, and most of the vessels are now reported safe at different points.

Dispatches from the East report a storm prevailing in that section.

From Baltimore it is reported that the streets in various parts of the city are submerged and cellars flooded. Jones Falls has overflowed, and a portion of the old flooded district was again inundated, in some places to the depth of four or five feet. All the railroads running to Baltimore have been more or less damaged, and the detention of mails is more general than in some years. On the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad land slides occurred at Red Cut and Vinegar Hill and other places, and a wash at Elkridge Landing threw the Cincinnati express, bound west, off the track. The train, however, was not damaged. The St. Louis express, due last evening, was delayed at the same point. The damage will not be heavy, and the main line will be in running order by 5 o'clock this afternoon. The track at Severn Station, on the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad, is submerged, delaying all the trains.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The storm broke so unexpectedly on New York that shipmasters and freighters had a busy time for making secure their vessels and goods exposed on the docks. About midnight several canal-boats broke loose and drifted helplessly about, but none so far reported have been lost. At Jersey City a ferry-boat was sunk, and it is thought that some of the crew were drowned.

Over 100 outward-bound vessels of all classes are at anchor inside the bar waiting for the stormy weather to break. The wind is high yet, but the rain is moderate.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 14.—The amount of rain which fell in the late storm in this section exceeded seven inches. More than three feet of water is now passing over the dam at Fairmount. The first floors of mills at Manayunk are flooded, and business there is partially suspended.

In the city a boy was rescued with difficulty from drowning, near the mouth of a culvert, and John L. Major was drowned while attempting to rescue his horses from the stable, which was flooded.

The body of Robert Black, fireman, was found beneath the engine, in a pond, into which it ran after leaving the track.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 14.—In consequence of the bursting of a portion of the Harford tunnel, this morning, dividing walls of dwellings Nos. 270 and 272 Hood street gave way, causing the destruction of two back buildings. All the kitchen and dining-room furniture were precipitated into the stream. The inmates barely escaped with lives.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The storm has subsided without causing serious damage in this city or Brooklyn, but within the range of the gale of yesterday and arrived to-day and this evening, none report any serious disaster from the gale.

All delayed mails arrived at the Post-Office before 9 o'clock. The Southern mail due at 6:30 this morning reached here at 8:45 p. m.

LONG BRANCH, Aug. 14.—The storm was terrific all last night, but has now abated its fury. The New Jersey Southern track near Camden was carried away. There were no trains on the direct route from Philadelphia to-day.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 14.—The damage by the storm last night to the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad was so serious that travel will be entirely suspended for several days. A passenger train which left Washington last evening for Baltimore, over this road, could proceed no further than Stony Creek, some fourteen miles from this city. It was also found impossible to return, and passengers, forty or fifty in number, were forced to remain on the cars all night, and some of the women and children were not taken off the train until 6 o'clock this evening.

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 14.—A storm commenced here at 10 o'clock this morning.

NEW YORK.

Supposed Intended Removal of Custom-House Officials—Heavy Shipments of Grain and Petroleum—Funeral of the Late George N. Roberts—Miscellaneous.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The Custom-House was wild to-day with a rumor of the removal of about seventy Inspectors, detected in taking bribes. It is a well-known fact that nine-tenths of the Inspectors are paid by merchants for various duties, such as keeping their goods from general order stores, hurrying samples through Appraiser's department, and similar labors, by which smuggling is often made an easy art, but, hitherto, evidence of this could not be had. When Special Agent Jayne seized the books of Platt & Boyd, and found debits against a large number of Inspectors whose names and services were given in full, Jayne sent his report to Washington, and Assistant Secretary Sawyer came on to investigate the matter. His arrival caused the present great commotion. He denies having any communications from Washington on the subject, but it is well understood that he is here for the purpose of investigating the matter. Platt & Boyd admit that there were such entries in the seized books. Jayne confesses that he sent a report on the subject to Washington. Many officials thought to be incriminated have been moving heaven and earth to interview Sawyer. Prominent Republicans, who are patrons of the accused persons, plead for them, and Collector Arthur is very anxious. Nevertheless, Sawyer denies all knowledge of the matter. It is supposed here that his design is to sacrifice a few, and let the infinential Inspectors, who are guilty, escape. The Fifth Avenue Hotel lobbies are all crowded with Custom-House officials, who express their anxiety freely.

To the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—By the burning of Antenreith's factory in Central avenue, Brooklyn, last evening, 175 men have been thrown out of employment. An average of 500 sewing-machine frames were turned out daily, besides a large amount of chamber furniture and a considerable number of refrigerators. It is proposed to rebuild the factory immediately.

Within the past three days twenty-two vessels have been chartered in the petroleum trade, with a carrying capacity of 100,000 barrels, and eighteen in the grain trade, with a carrying capacity of 500,000 bushels. The grain goes to Great Britain and the petroleum to the Continent.

Platt & Boyd, importers of glassware, against whom a suit has been brought to recover $1,000,000 for an alleged undervaluation of goods, state that the proceedings against them are merely to test the interpretation of the statutes relating to the importation of the class of goods involved. They deny the existence of any intention to defraud the Government, as implied by the action of the custom officers.

A Washington dispatch says the Secretary of the Treasury late last night sent by a special messenger to Collector Arthur, of this port, an order for the immediate removal of nearly 100 custom officers, some of them occupying responsible places, on charges of fraud and corruption, and that the dismissal of another lot of dishonest officers is expected in a few days.

Middle Over a Street Contract.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Aug. 14.—The report has gained circulation that Prof. Leonard, our City Engineer, was incorrect in his computation of excavations made in improving our streets, and to such an extent that C. M. Irish, Engineer of the I. S. W. R. R., was employed by the contractor to correct the error. Mr. Irish decided that the City Engineer had allowed for only half the work done. Last evening, at a meeting of the City Council, Prof. Leonard demonstrated that his figures were correct, and his report was adopted by the Council, which conclusively settles the matter.

SPORTING MATTERS.

THE TURF.

THE UTICA RACES AGAIN POSTPONED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 14.—A cold, heavy rain has prevailed all day, necessitating a further postponement of the races until the first good day and track.

THE FORT WAYNE RACES.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 14.—This has been an auspicious second day for the races at the Fort Wayne Driving Park. The attendance was very large, and there were some very interesting races. The first race, purse $100, half-mile dash, between Allen County horses, was won by the Brodsteetler. Time, 56½.

The second race, purse $300, for horses that had never beaten 2:40, was won by Gray Alex, owned by W. J. Walsworth, of Hagerstown, Ind. Time, 2:35, 2:30, 2:40¾.

The third race, purse $250, open to all pacers, was won by Hoosier Tom, owned by John Wade, of Edenburg, Ind. Time, 2:32, 2:29¼, 2:28¾.

THE TRIGGER.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SHOOTING-MATCH AT GALESBURG.

GALESBURG, Ill., Aug. 14.—Below is the score of the pigeon-match held here to-day for a purse of $100, usual distance. McKinzie was the winner. This match was an unusually interesting one, pools selling rapidly. McKinzie had three dead birds given him. The shooting was close, and vastly interesting to the large crowd present:

McKinzie—0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1—16.
Brooks—1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0—16.
Stock—1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1—16.
Austin—1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0—14.

CRICKET.

A ST. LOUIS ELEVEN.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14.—The St. George and St. Louis Cricket Clubs, of this city, have selected eleven of their number, to be called the United Eleven of St. Louis, to make a tour of the Northern States and Canada, and play matches with the clubs of various cities. Challenges will be at once issued to play the clubs of the following cities on their own grounds: Chicago Club, Sept. 1; Detroit, Sept. 2; Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 3; Toronto, Sept. 4 and 5; Boston, Sept. 8; New York, Sept. 9 and 10; Philadelphia, Sept. 11 and 12.

BASE BALL.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14.—Base Ball—Red Stockings 22; Empires 4. The Red Stockings will play in Chicago on Saturday.

WEATHER AND WATER.

War Department Weather Report.

LOCAL OBSERVATION.
CHICAGO, Aug. 14, 1873.

Hour of observation.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction and force of wind.	Rain in inches.	Weather.
6:53 a. m.	30.07	69	70	N. E., gentle,	.....	Fair.
11:18 a. m.	30.05	69	61	N. E., fresh.	.....	Clear.
2:00 p. m.	30.03	71	57	N. E., fresh.	.....	Fair.
3:53 p. m.	30.01	73	66	N. E., fresh.	.....	Fair.
9:00 p. m.	29.96	69	75	N. E., fresh.	.....	Clear.
10:18 p. m.	29.96	69	76	N. E., gentle,	.....	Clear.

Minimum thermometer, 72.
Maximum thermometer, 87.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.
CHICAGO, Aug. 14—10:18 p. m.

Station.	Bar.	Ther	Wind.	Rain	Weather.
Breckenr'ge	29.83	64	N. E., brisk.	2.37	Cloudy.
Buffalo	29.92	59	E., fresh.	06	Cloudy.
Cairo	29.97	80	S., light.	.....	Clear.
Cheyenne	30.24	46	N., fresh.	.....	Fair.
Chicago	29.96	69	N. E., gentle,	.....	Clear.
Cincinnati	29.91	70	N. gentle.	.....	Clear.
Cleveland	29.88	68	N. E., brisk.	.....	Cloudy.
Davenport	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Denver	30.25	71	Calm.	.....	Cloudy.
Detroit	29.92	67	E., gentle,	.....	Clear.
Duluth	29.97	60	N. E., gentle,	09	Cloudy.
Escanaba	29.96	62	E., gentle.	.....	Clear.
Keokuk	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
LaCrosse	29.91	78	S. W., light.	.....	Cloudy.
Marquette	29.88	70	S. W., fresh.	.....	Fair.
Milwaukee	29.98	68	Calm.	.....	Clear.
Omaha	29.75	84	Calm.	.....	Clear.
St. Paul	29.82	69	S. E., fresh.	.....	Light rain.
Toledo	29.92	70	E., fresh.	.....	Clear.

PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—For the Northwest and thence to Missouri, low barometer, southeasterly to southwesterly winds, cloudy weather, and rain. For the Upper Lake region and southward to the Ohio Valley, northeasterly to southeasterly winds, falling barometer, increasing cloudiness and occasional rain. For the Lower Lake region and thence to West Virginia, northerly winds, cool, clearing weather. For the Gulf States, northerly winds, shifting to southerly to-morrow, partly cloudy weather, and occasional coast rains. For the South Atlantic States, southwesterly to northwesterly wind, low temperature, generally clear weather, with exceptions rain near the coast. For the Middle Atlantic States, northeasterly to northwesterly winds, occasional rain, cool, clearing and clear weather to-morrow. For New England, northeasterly and northerly winds, falling barometer, cloudy weather, and rain.

Cautionary signals continue at New London, Wood's Hole, Boston, and Portland.

RIVER AND HARBOR.

Daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the 24 hours ending 3 p. m., Aug. 14, 1873:

	ABOVE LOW WATER.	CHANGES.	
		Rise.	Fall.
Cairo	12 ft. 7 in.	.....	5 in.
Cincinnati	7 ft.	.....	1 ft. 11 in.
Davenport	9 ft. 11 in.	.....	.....
Keokuk	2 ft. 5 in.	.....	3 in.
Leavenworth	4 ft.	.....	1 in.
Louisville	4 ft. 11 in.	.....	8 in.
Memphis	9 ft. 6 in.	.....	4 in.
Nashville	2 ft. 6 in.	.....	.....
New Orleans	11 ft. 0 in.	.....	5 in.
Omaha	7 ft.	.....	.....
Pittsburgh	5 ft. 3 in.	1 ft. 4 in.	.....
Shreveport	9 ft. 5 in.	.....	1 in.
St. Louis	11 ft. 7 in.	.....	1 in.
St. Paul	4 ft. 6 in.	.....	1 in.
Vicksburg	16 ft. 2 in.	.....	8 in.

*Below high water of 1871.

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Room 78 Major Block, Chicago.

Murders.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 14.—A homicide occurred yesterday, at Rockport, Atchison County, in this State, which excites the deepest regret on account of the high character of the parties engaged. P. G. Morgan, an old citizen and farmer from near Bonora, in that county, was in Rockport, and, having business in the office of Durfee, McKillop & Co., went there, and soon after occurred an affair that has been for the past fourteen hours all the topic of conversation. Morgan addressed his conversation to Col. A. B. Durfee, calling him a d—d scoundrel, and other improper names, following the epithets up by grabbing him (Durfee's) neck. At this juncture Mr. McKillop rushed forward to separate the two, but before he reached them Col. Durfee, in his attempt to loosen the terrible grip upon his throat, picked up a notary seal and struck Morgan almost upon the top of the head. Morgan dropped and in dropping fell headlong out of the office, the back of his head striking the stone step. The striking occurred at 5 p. m., and at 1 a. m. Morgan died, his family having arrived a few minutes before. The cause of the difficulty was, as we are told, as follows: Durfee & McKillop held an execution against Mr. Morgan for their clients, J. B. Hooper & Bro. Morgan went to see if Messrs. Durfee & McKillop proposed to enforce it, and, upon being informed that they did, he commenced the abuse above stated. P. G. Morgan was an old citizen of considerable wealth, we learn, and prominent for many years. Col. Durfee gave himself up last night. A post mortem examination was at once held. Col. Durfee is a prominent lawyer and citizen, and wealthy, and is a brother-in-law of Col. Bennett Pike, of St. Joe, late United States District Attorney and Judge of this Judicial Circuit.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14.—John Brown and George Thomas, two young farmers living in Osage Township, Jackson County, Mo., got into an altercation yesterday, and Brown stabbed and killed Thomas.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 14.—At Alamo, Montgomery County, Ind., last evening, John Campbell, while drunk, had a few words with John Little, with whom he had heretofore been friendly, and fatally stabbed him. Little died in about fifteen minutes. Campbell was arrested and is now in jail.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Peter Brown, of Bath, N. Y., and Thomas Quinn, of Troy, quarreled, while drunk, yesterday, and Quinn killed P[illegible] of a chair. Quinn was arrested.

WASHINGTON.

Rumored Deficit of $10,000,000 in the National Treasury.

Conflict of Opinion and Usage Regarding the Civil-Service Rules.

Proposition to Make Coast-Pilots Government Officers.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CHICAGO POST-OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14.—The estimates for the new addition to the Chicago Post-Office were to-day received at the Post-Office Department. The estimates are for $4,600. They will doubtless be approved.

ALLEGED DEFICIT.

There is much excitement in certain circles on account of an alleged deficit of $10,000,000 in the accounts of the Treasurer of the United States. There is good reason to believe that there is no actual deficit in the cash account of the Treasury, and that any supposed deficit results rather from a most complicated and mysterious system of bookkeeping than from any actual loss of money through unfaithful officers. Although the Secretary of the Treasury declines to give the public any information concerning the condition of the peoples' treasury, careful inquiry elsewhere shows the improbability of the existence of a defalcation. The officers more directly in charge of the funds are reported to be exceedingly anxious that a public examination should be made relative to this matter, but Secretary Richardson has chosen the policy of secrecy, and through an Administration paper here practically says that the people will know the truth about it when they find out. It is known at the Treasury that the bull clique in gold in New York have already suffered ruinous losses. It is supposed that many of the current rumors concerning the coin balances in the Treasury, the pecuniary system of accounting with the Syndicate, and the latest report of an alleged deficit of $10,000,000, have their origin in the desperate endeavors of the leaders of the movement for the rise in gold to save themselves from ruin.

IRREGULARITIES OF NEW YORK NATIONAL BANKS.

The Comptroller of the Currency has investigated the alleged practice of National Banks of loaning currency upon specie reserves, and is of the opinion that the extent of the practice and its possible dangers have been considerably exaggerated, so far as it exists. The practice has been chiefly confined to New York City, and to one or two of the banks there. There is nothing in the Banking act which prohibits the loaning of currency upon the basis of gold. The law which has been supposed to cover the case was enacted for the purpose of preventing the locking up of legal-tenders, and is comprised in the following section:

That no National Banking Association shall hereafter offer or receive United States notes or National Bank notes as a security for or as collateral security for any loan of money, or for a consideration shall agree to withhold the same from use, or offer or receive the custody or promise of custody of such notes as security or collateral security for consideration for any loan of money.

While the law is construed to mean the loaning of gold on greenback securit lesit is not understood to prohibit the loaning of currency upon gold; and, inasmuch as the law was passed for a special purpose, the authorities do not consider that a different construction can be placed upon it. The Comptroller of the Currency has, therefore, no power to regulate this improper practice, except through the returns of the banking houses. If these returns show that the bank has reported its specie as a reserve, while in fact it has employed it as collateral for loan, the officers making the returns have made a false oath, and are liable to punishment by the Comptroller. In the examination which has thus far been made, however, this report shows that no considerable amount of gold has been tied up, and the practice is not likely to continue to such an extent as to restrict the currency necessary for the transportation of the fall crops from the West. This practice, so far as the bank receives interest on the currency reserve which they loan, and upon specie as collateral, is regarded by the authorities as a manifest violation of the spirit of the Banking act, which prohibits the taking of interest upon the capital, but it is considered that the private nature of such operations will prevent the discovery of the wrongful act except after protracted public investigation, when the commercial danger resulting from such a practice would have passed.

THE CREDIT MOBILIER SUITS.

A Government legal official, who has recently thoroughly examined the documents and law in the case of the Government against the Credit Mobilier corporation, expresses the opinion that the Treasury Department may not properly withhold one-half the cost of the Government transportation over the Union Pacific Railroad toward the interest of the bonds of that road, pending a suit against the Credit Mobilier. He states that the Government has manifestly no authority for collecting annual interest upon these bonds. The only section in the original act authorizing the building of the Union Pacific Railroad, relating to the interest on the bonds, has no provision for the payment of annual interest thereon, and the Government in demanding annual interest is collecting compound-interest in a case where it has not been specifically authorized, an act which, in most States, is a violation of law.

THE WISCONSIN PINE LANDS.

It is understood that the report in the matter of the investigation into the sale of Government pine land at the Menasha Agency, Wisconsin, will not be forthcoming for some time, for the reason that the Special Commissioner will not confine himself to his own observations, but will hold an open investigation and take a large amount of testimony.

INDIAN ETHNOLOGY.

Although Congress refused to pass the bill authorizing the establishment of a Bureau of Indian Ethnology, the Secretary of the Interior has practically established this Bureau by creating a branch in the Indian Department devoted to that purpose. Dr. J. W. Foster, of Minnesota, who unsuccessfully engineered the bill in his own interest, has been appointed to a clerkship in the Indian Office, authorized to carry out his ideas. He is now understood to be collecting and collating a large amount of information concerning the Indian tribes, as a sample of his scheme, with the intention of again introducing his bill of last winter to the next Congress. It is stated that another specialist has succeeded in the same manner, through a clerkship, in establishing a Branch Bureau in the Indian Department. Dr. Curtis has been appointed to a clerkship, and is organizing a scheme for the creation of a General Bureau of Medicine, Surgery, and Hospital Treatment for the Indians.

REVENUE OFFICERS AND SPECIAL STAMPS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue some time since found it necessary to hold Collectors of Internal Revenue responsible for the special stamps which were forwarded them to be sold to special stamp agents. Although an account is kept of the stamps at the Internal Revenue Bureau at Washington, it was discovered that irregularities on the part of some Collectors made it necessary to charge all Collectors with the stamps. The charge is, in fact, a double charge to the Collectors, and, to remedy this duplicate charge, the Commissioner has now issued new regulations instructing Collectors how they can frame their accounts to avoid this duplicate charge.

THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

Notwithstanding the adoption of the new Civil Service rules recommended by the Civil Service Commission, and the promulgation of these rules by the President, the Treasury Department is still without an Examing Board. There is nominally a Board in existence of three persons, two of whom have long since resigned. The Treasury Department has never appeared to enter into the spirit of the Civil Service rules as have the other departments. Prior to the adoption of the Curtis system the Treasury Department had a system of original examination and of examination for promotions, which many of the officers of that Department consider vastly superior to the system proposed by this Commission. It is discovered that the operation of these new rules is materially different from the former Curtis rules, which these latter rules have superseded, until now the Examining Boards, after examinations were concluded, were obliged to report the then highest on the list in point of excellence. From those then the choice was made by the appointing power. Now it would seem the appointing power may select arbitrarily from the entire list, irrespective of the superiority of the examination of one candidate over that of another.

[To the Associated Press.]

SEARCH FOR SHIPWRECKED SAILORS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The Secretary of the Treasury to-day ordered the Collector of Customs at Port Townsend, Washington Territory, to send the revenue steamer Lincoln to cruise for a month about Queen Charlotte's Sound, to inquire for any survivors of the steamer George S. Wright, which vessel was wrecked in March last on the passage from Sitka to San Francisco. Signs of the wreck having been discovered at Queen Charlotte's Sound, it is thought that some of the survivors may be in that locality.

MARITIME PRECAUTIONS.

The Secretary of the Treasury may recommend Congress to make pilots of all steamers Government officers, and require them before taking a vessel out of port to be fully satisfied that she has complied with the law in every respect.

FOREIGN NEWS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—A London special states that Postmaster-General Monsell has resigned.

FRANCE.

World's Special.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—It is stated upon the highest authority that the Count de Chambord has announced his resolution to accept the Constitution for France prepared by the members of the Right of the Assembly and himself, and will rule both by the will of God and good will of the people. Proclamation of monarchy will be made in about six weeks.

SPAIN.

BARCELONA, Aug. 14.—The Carlists have begun their long-threatened attack on Berga. Six hours after their batteries opened fire the city was burning in several places.

THE INDIANS.

The Pawnees Preparing to Give Battle to the Sioux.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OMAHA, Aug. 14.—Julius Meyer, Indian interpreter, returned to this city to-day from a visit to the Pawnees. He found the whole tribe in great grief, the warriors painted black. One or the chiefs said that the Sioux had burned Pawnee babes on the fires made of buffalo carcasses; that the Pawnees would mourn till the full moon, and that they will then go to fight the Sioux, and nobody, not even the Government, shall prevent them. They are gathering their friends, and say they can muster from 1,600 to 2,000 men.

CAIRO.

Severely Cut by Two Women—Fatal Runaway.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CAIRO, Ill., Aug. 14.—During a fracas on Third street, in this city, this afternoon, among some negroes, a man, whose name we could not ascertain, was severely cut by two women, armed with a hatchet and knife, while another man held him.

From intelligence received we learn that an old gentleman, named Abe Meisenheimer, living at Borgola, Ill., while riding yesterday was fatally injured by his team running away. He was thrown out of the buggy, and when found was insensible. He died from his injuries this afternoon. He was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Southern Illinois.

POLITICAL.

San Francisco Politics.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—The two Democratic Conventions in this city are at variance. The Legislative Convention, packed by Stanford and company, made nominations, and now the Municipal Convention proposes to make a separate ticket, independent of this influence of the Company. Eight members of the Democratic County Committee have resigned. The reason is stated to be that the Committee treacherously sold out Stanford and company the Legislative Convention, which was packed by them. There is much excitement in the ranks of the party about the matter.

The Maine Reformers.

BANGOR, Me., Aug. 14.—The Liberal Mass Convention in this city was organized, with Hebron Luce for Chairman, and about forty persons in all.

BANGOR, Me., Aug. 14.—The Reformers assembled at 2 o'clock, and made county nominations and passed a series of resolutions. A. G. Lebroke spoke nearly two hours, after which the meeting adjourned. The largest number present in the hall at one time was eighty, of whom less than twenty took part in the meeting.

Ohio State Senatorial Nomination.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MANSFIELD, O., Aug. 14.—Capt. A. M. Burns, of this city, was to-day nominated by the Republicans of this district as State Senator. The district is largely Republican.

The Arkansas Adjutant-Generalship.

LITTLE ROCK, Aug. 14.—Gen. M. McCanary having resigned the position of Adjutant-General, A. W. Bishop, a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor against Gov. Baxter, has been appointed to the vacancy.

Railroad News.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 14.—The case of J. Pullan, Trustee, vs. C. & C. Air-Line Railroad, came up to-day before Special Master in Chancery Broadshaw, being referred back to him by Judge Drummond on exceptions taken by the defendants. The case was commenced in 1864, and is now to be finally disposed of. A half million dollars is involved, and the best legal talent has been employed. The Hon. J. E. McDonald, of this city, and E. Walker, of Chicago, appear for the defendants. Judge Tilden, Hon. J. E. Stevenson, and R. R. Pullan, of Cincinnati, represent the interests of complainants. The afternoon was occupied in taking testimony. The argument will be opened to-morrow. The case will occupy the remainder of the week, and its final disposition is looked for with interest.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14.—The Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company entered suit to-day in the United States District Court for $100,000 damages against Joseph Brown, Mayor of this city, and J. B. Moulton, City Engineer, for tearing up their track between the Seventh street depot and the river front last Monday evening. The petition does not explain why Mayor Brown, who was in San Francisco at the time, and had nothing to do with the removal of the track, is made one of the defendants in the suit.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Aug. 14.—The Des Moines & Minnesota Narrow-Gauge Railroad Company have decided to let the contract for grading the road from this city north to Ames, and leave the question of entering the city for future settlement.

DUBUQUE, Aug. 14.—J. P. Farley, lately appointed Receiver for the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, returned last night from St. Paul, where he had gone to make his necessary qualifications and look after the interests of the Company. He says nothing can be done at present. The Directors are very sanguine that the Holland capitalists, who have already expended $10,000,000 on the road, will furnish $5,000,000, the amount required to finish it. The agent in New York has written to Holland, and expects an answer by the 17th inst.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Aug. 14.—The Wisconsin Central Railroad Company will make official application to Gov. Washburn for lands on forty miles of road next Saturday. It is claimed here and elsewhere that the Company have not complied with the requirements of the law. This party are organizing their forces to prevent a certificate from being given. J. A. Bently, of Sheboygan, attorney of the Sheboygan & Fond du Lac Road, seems to be the most prominent in organizing the opposition. There promises to be a lively fight.

Suicide.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GRAND RAPIDS, Aug. 14.—A dispatch received by his relatives here announces the suicide to-day, at Litchfield, Hillsdale County, this State, of the Hon. William Stoddard. He has served four years in each House of the Michigan Legislature, and in the present Senate became influential as a legislator. He was highly esteemed as a citizen. He has been in bad health since May, and latterly very low-spirited. His age was 53.

President Grant's Eastern Trip.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 14.—Gov. Straw has telegraphed President Grant, inviting him to visit Portsmouth and the Isles of Shoals.

AUGUSTA, Me., Aug. 14.—A reception was given President Grant to-night at the residence of Speaker Blaine. It was a brilliant affair. Many distinguished persons were present. The festivities continued till a late hour.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Col. Cobb, member of Congress from the Wyandotte District, Kansas, has sued E. K. Taylor, of the Wyandotte *Gazette*, for defamation of character, claiming $10,000 damages.

The great auction sale of fruit-lands took place at Carymbo, five miles east of Michigan City, Ind., yesterday, and was a decided success.

At Gaines, Iowa, Sidney Cole was caught in a threshing machine on Wednesday, and every rib in his body was broken; his recovery is not expected.

Those engaged in boring the artesian well at Fort Wayne are now through the boulder which gave them so much trouble. They are now working night and day, and going down at the rate of about forty feet in 24 hours. They are now down about two hundred feet.

The first bale of cotton ever imported into Cedar Rapids, Iowa, arrived on Wednesday for the new knitting factory which is now in operation there.

Obituary.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 14.—Col. DeWitt Clinton, Judge Advocate of the Department of Dakota, died at his residence here this morning. He was about 40 years old, a son of Judge Clinton, of the Superior Court of New York, and a grandson of Gov. DeWitt Clinton. He has been in bad health for some months, but off duty only three weeks. Arrangements for the funeral await the arrival of his father from Buffalo.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 14.—Private dispatches to-day announced the death at Sandusky, Ohio of Probate Judge William Tilden, of this city. His disease was brain affection.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Col. James A. Meline, the well-known journalist and author, died this morning in Brooklyn.

The Henshaw Murder Trial at Winchester, Ind.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 14.—The *Gazette's* special this afternoon from Winchester, Ind., gives the following particulars concerning the Henshaw murder trial now going on there: The defendant's sister came in when the prosecution began to examine witnesses, and, after kissing the defendant, sat down by the side of the widow of the murdered Heaston. She was married about two weeks since, and is reported not to have been in Winchester since her husband was murdered. The defense began to call witnesses this forenoon, but a large part of the day was consumed in legal discussions. Public opinion seems to be divided in regard to the merits of the case. Gen. Tom Brown conducts the defense, and, besides the others already mentioned, has called to his aid Maj. J. W. Gordon, of Indianapolis, Ind.

A Guy Fawkes Plot Exposed.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MANSFIELD, O., Aug. 14.—A horrible plot has just been brought to light here in time to prevent the destruction of a whole family. A suit is now pending in court against William H. Dobbs, a farmer living six miles north of here, for an attempted outrage of a little girl named Barnard, living in his neighborhood, and, to prevent the attendance of the girl on her father as witnesses, Dobbs procured the services of two low characters in this city, named Winfield and Lightfoot, to blow up Barnard's house. Winfield exposed the plot in time to prevent its execution, which was to have taken place last night. Lightfoot was arrested and a quantity of powder and fuses were found in his possession. Dobbs was also arrested, and the two have been bound over to keep the peace.

Burglary in Goshen, Ind.

GOSHEN, Ind., Aug. 14.—The store of James Wilson, of Goshen, Ind., was entered by burglars on Wednesday evening, and a large amount of jewelry taken, consisting of two lady's gold watches, three gents' watches, one gold-plated watch, twelve silver watches, one four-ounce silver-case, Barlett movement, and one four-ounce silver-case, without movement, two lady's oreide watches, and one composition watch; twelve lady's heavy gold-plated opera guards and chains, and fourteen gold rings, of a total value of $1,000. The burglar is supposed to be from Chicago.

Defaulting county Treasurer.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 14.—An *Enquirer* special from Lancaster states that the report of the Committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Auditor and Treasurer of Fairfield County, reported to the Commissioner of that county to-day that they had found a deficit of $142,000 in public money. The present incumbents are exculpated. Blame is attached to their predecessors in office.

Arrest of an Alleged Forger.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 14.—C. J. Anderson, alias C. J. Smith, was arrested here this evening by Detective P. A. Connell, of Memphis, and Marshal Underhill, of this city, charged with having committed a heavy forgery at Memphis a few weeks ago. He was taken South to-night.

First Bale of Cotton at Shreveport.

SHREVEPORT, La., Aug. 14.—The first bale of cotton, received to-day, was raised in the neighborhood of Troupe, on the International Railroad,—shipped by Clapp & Brown, of Troupe, to Clapp & Bros., of New Orleans, and goes forward on the Texas to-night. The first bale last year was received on the 13th of August.

Ocean Steamship News.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The clipper-ship La Escoceca, which sunk in the Mersey, has been raised. Steamship Ismalit, from New York, arrived.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—Arrived, steamer Hammonia, from Hamburg.

Iowa Valuation.

DES MOINES, Aug. 14.—The State Board of Equalization this morning completed the valuation of this State, which is $364,336,580, including the railroad valuation of $18,842,968. This is an increase in the valuation of $3,149,136 over 1871.

Drowned.

DETROIT, Aug. 14.—William McIntyre was drowned Wednesday in Lake Huron, near Alabaster, by the capsizing of a small boat. His parents reside at Port Huron.

The Petroleum Trade.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., Aug. 14.—Petroleum market quiet at $1.22½@1.25 for Titusville and Oil City delivery.

Lord Westbury.

London Correspondence of the New York World.

There is going about a vast amount of curious talk concerning the late and the new Lord Westbury. The newspapers all decorously stated that the new Lord was prevented from attending the funeral of his father "by illness;" but every one knows that it was the gentleman who was the Hon. Mr. Bethell the other day, and who is now Lord Westbury, is "outlawed." All the circumstances attending the unhappy affair which resulted in the disclosure of the son's dishonesty and the father's weakness, if not complicity, seems never to have been fully told. Such things are never fully told in England. Besides the alleged embezzlement of the funds of the Bankruptcy Court, there were ugly rumors of certain bills of exchange upon which the indorsements were forgeries. Although Lord Westbury resigned the Great Seal upon these disclosures, he never dreamed of hiding his head in shame; nor did he seem at all to suffer from the exposure of his son's misdeeds and his own carelessness. He was 73 years old at the time of his death, and had long been a widower. But a few weeks before his death he was married to a young Welsh lady with whom he had formerly, as was understood, maintained an illicit connection. The report is that his Lordship was compelled to this marriage by the threats of the damsel who is now Lady Westbury, that unless he made her an "honest woman" she would send certain letters to Mr. Gladstone and to the Queen; and that, having at last married her, he left her at the church door and never saw her more. The last part of the story is not true, I am assured, for the happy couple did live together during the honeymoon which ended with a funeral. Before this marriage Lord Westbury had carried on a very interesting flirtation with a certain Italian Countess of great wit and spirit.

London Correspondence of the Boston Post.

Lord Westbury was a man of most brilliant abilities. He fought his way up at the bar by the sheer force of intellect, for never was there a man who made more enemies as he went along. He had a way of speaking his mind, especially to the Judges, which aroused indignation at every step. He was the very opposite of a sycophant or trimmer. But so unquestioned was his genius as a chancery lawyer, that he reached the Chancellorship through an endless thicket of obstacles. He was a great chancery Judge, perhaps the greatest since Eldon; and did more for law reform than any other six Chancellors of English history. It was due to him that imprisonment for debt was abolished; and he worked like a tiger to get a codification of the statute and common law. No man respected tradition less, or cared less for aristocratic rank. In the House of Lords he was a bull in a china-shop. He reached the acme of audacity when he said of the proud Duke of Somerset, the heir of the St. Maurs, "The noble Duke has been turning over in what he is pleased to call his mind;" and when he retorted to an Earl who had asked an explanation of him, "It would require more time than I can spare, and, perhaps,